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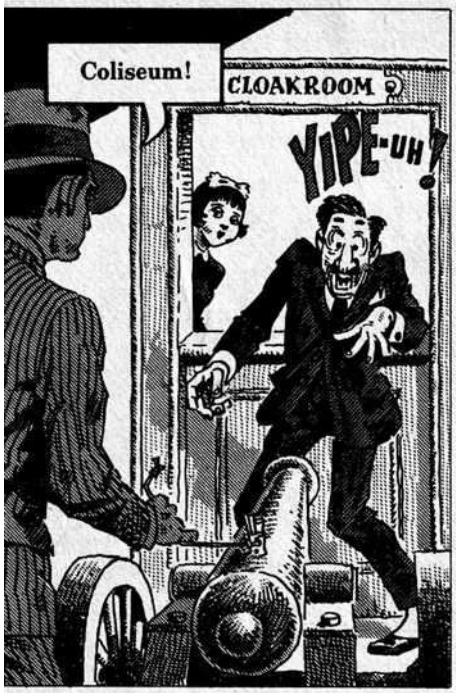

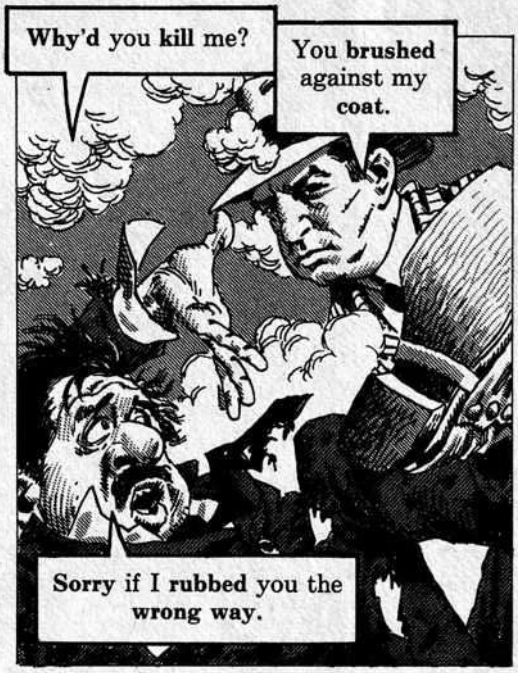

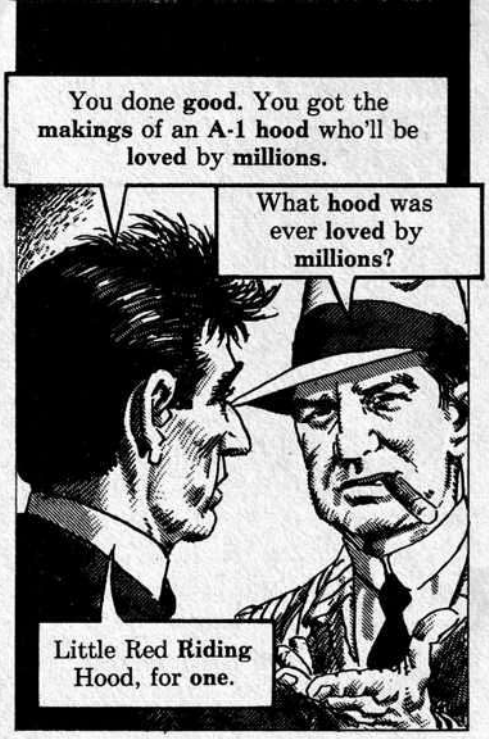

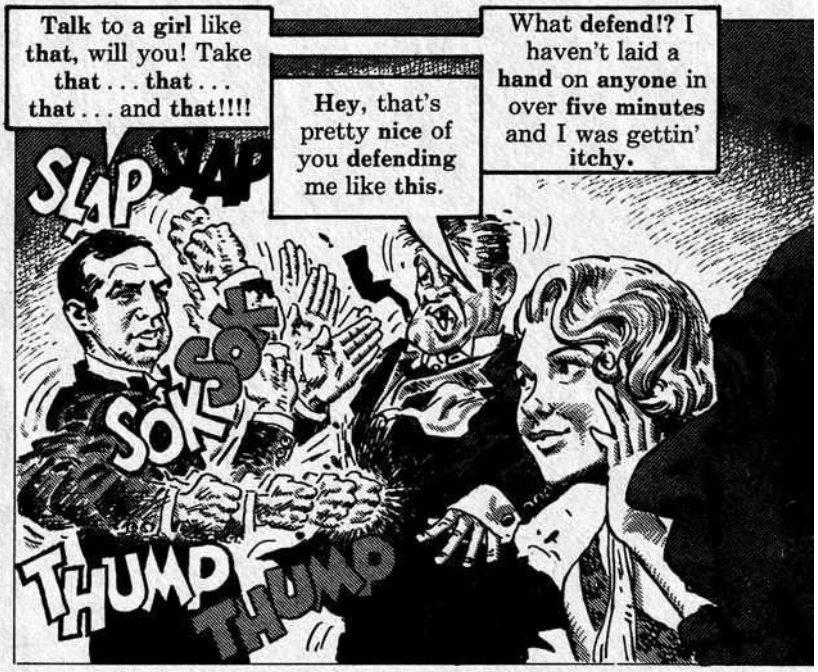

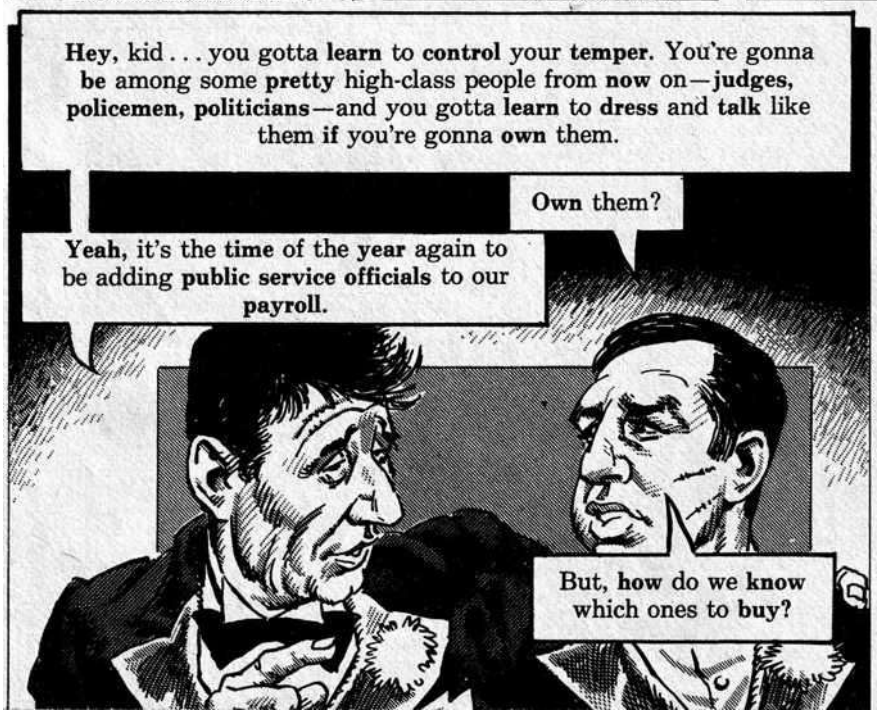

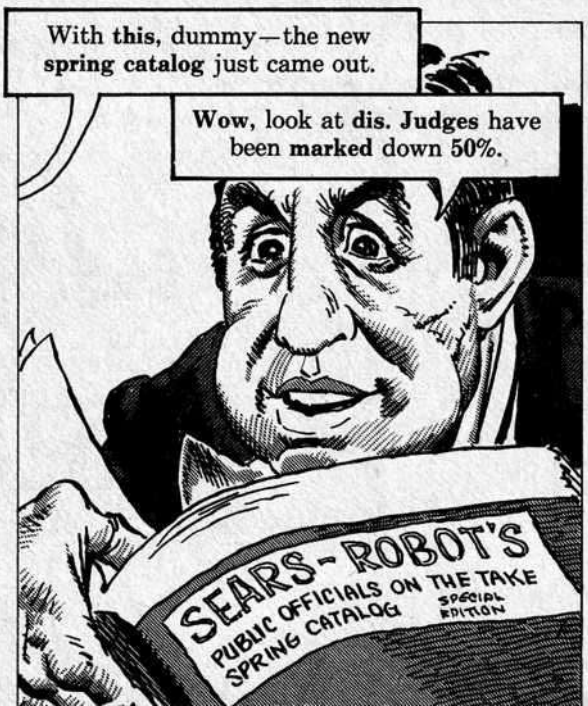

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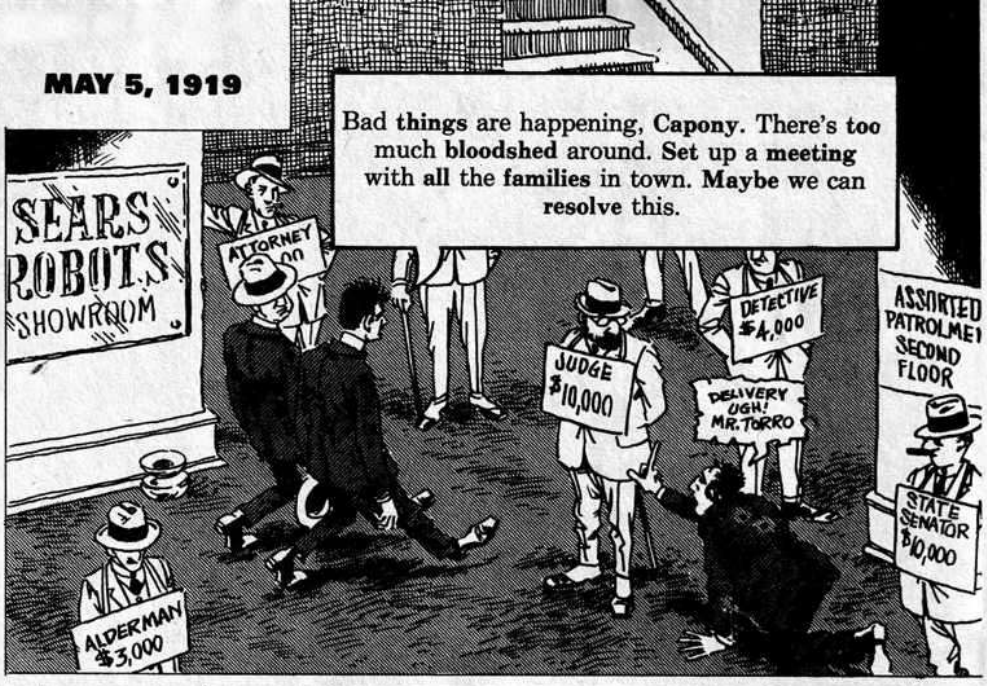

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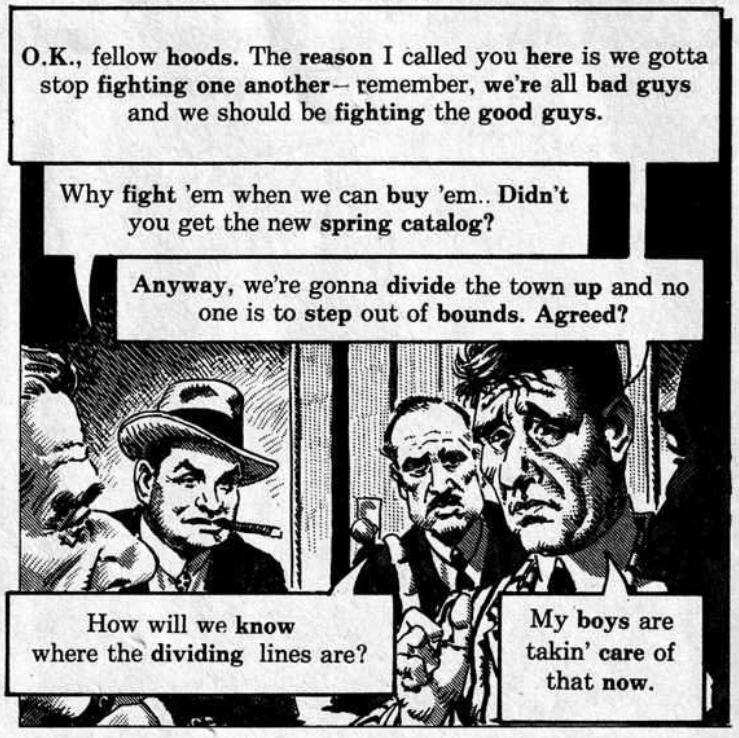

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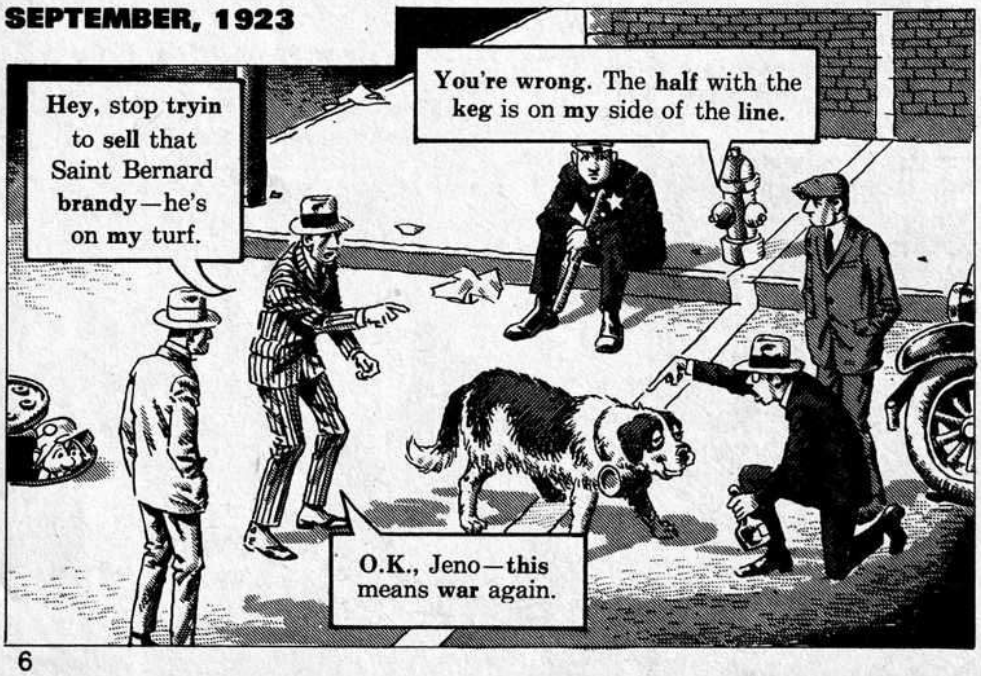

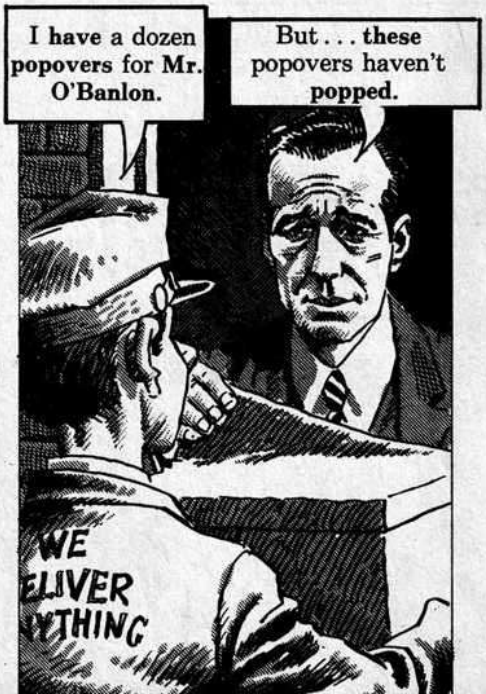

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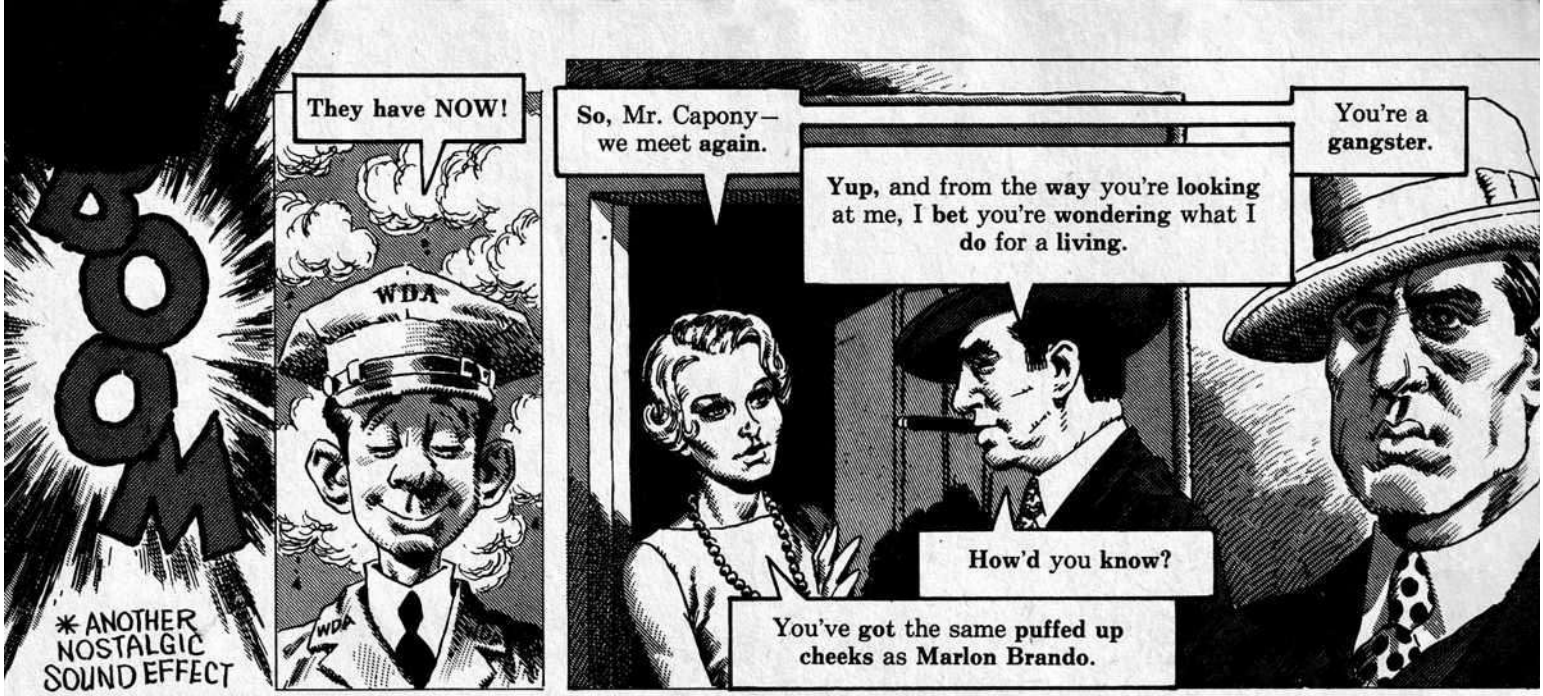
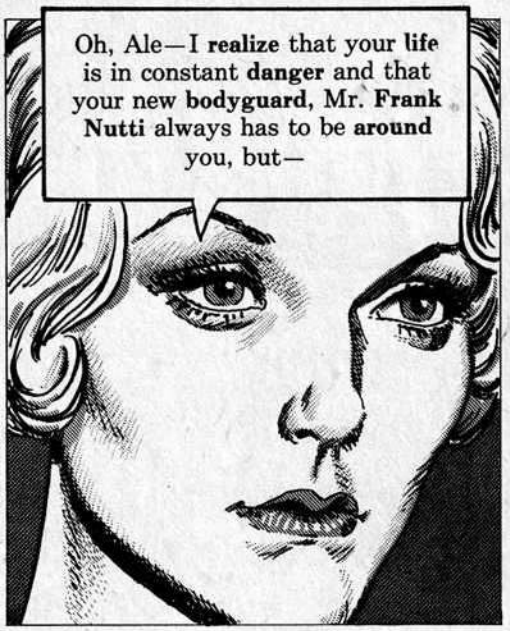
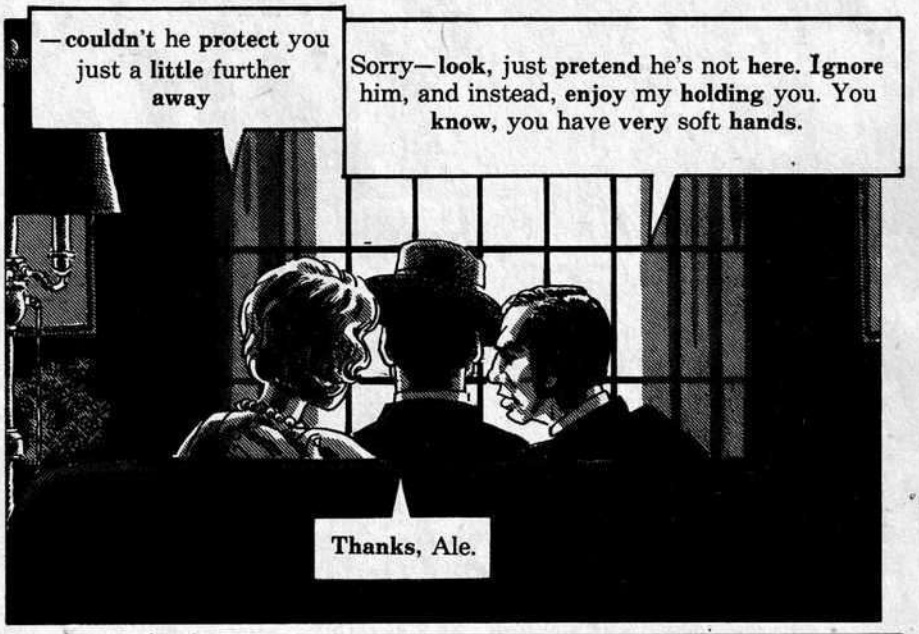
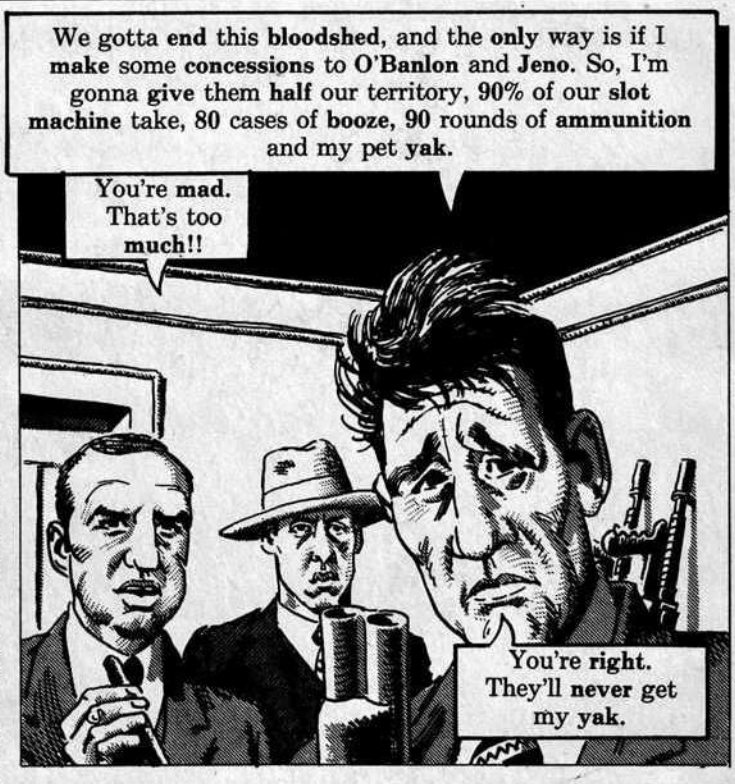








CRACKED is buying so much insurance for the future that you starve in the present. . .

Frank, Jonny's gotta be killed before he gives away all our territory.

Got 'cha.

But, you gotta make it look like an accident.

Doctor, will my friend, Jonny Torro, live?

His chances are one in a million.

Can't you give him worse odds than that —How'd it happen, anyway?

A freak accident. An airplane landed on his stomach while he was in bed.

Ale, you gotta take over the business for me. I'm retiring.

But, why?

I have a slight health problem.

O.K., I'm the new head and I want a few people eliminated.

Here.

You got a list?

This is the Chicago telephone directory. You want everyone in it killed??!

Don't be silly—I ripped out page 397. That's the one with my name on it.

Mr. Moron, it's time to get rid of Capony. He's goin' crazy.

In what way?

One of our boys needed a hand in making some deliveries, so Capony gave him this.

Hey, dats my right-hand-man's, right hand!

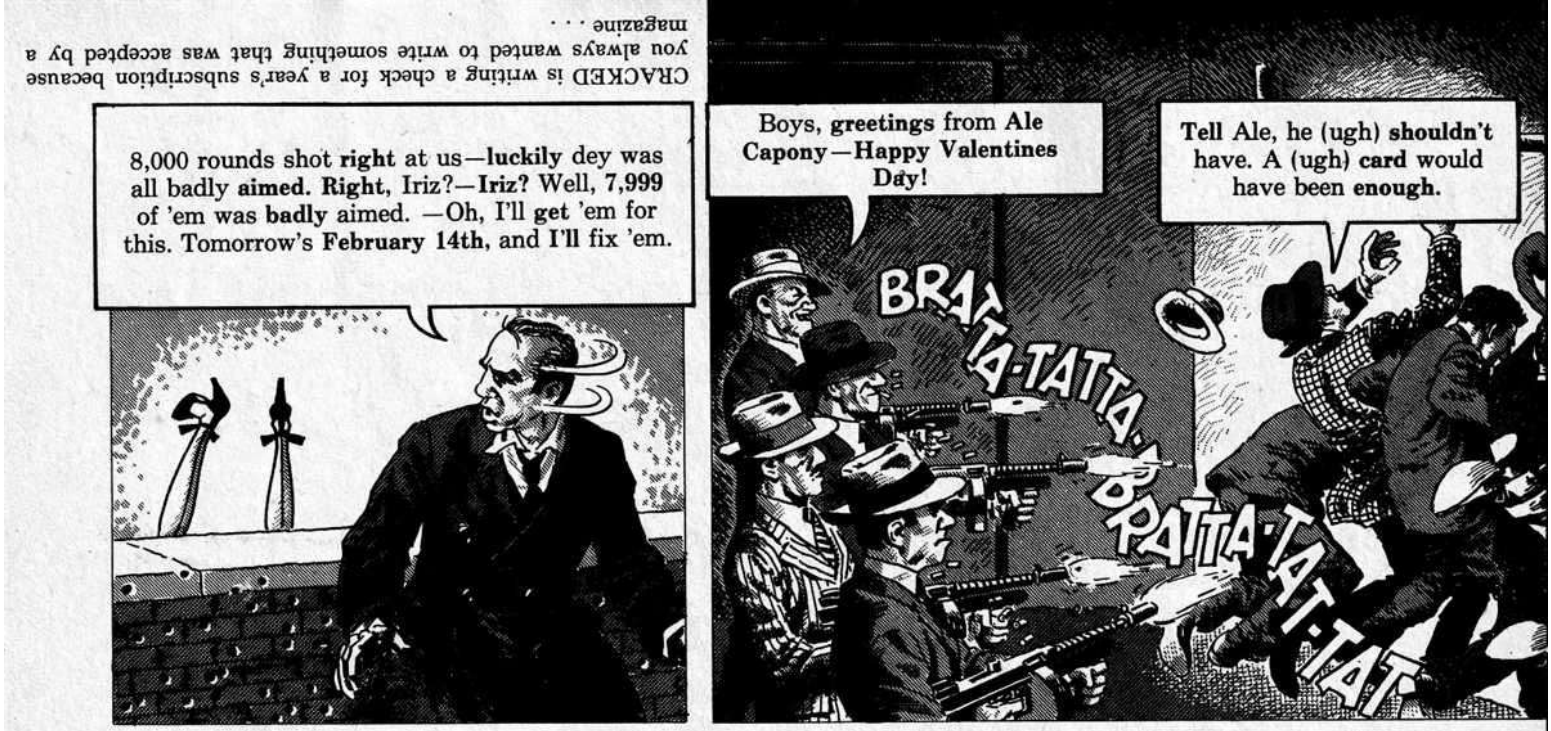
I told you he was goin' crazy.

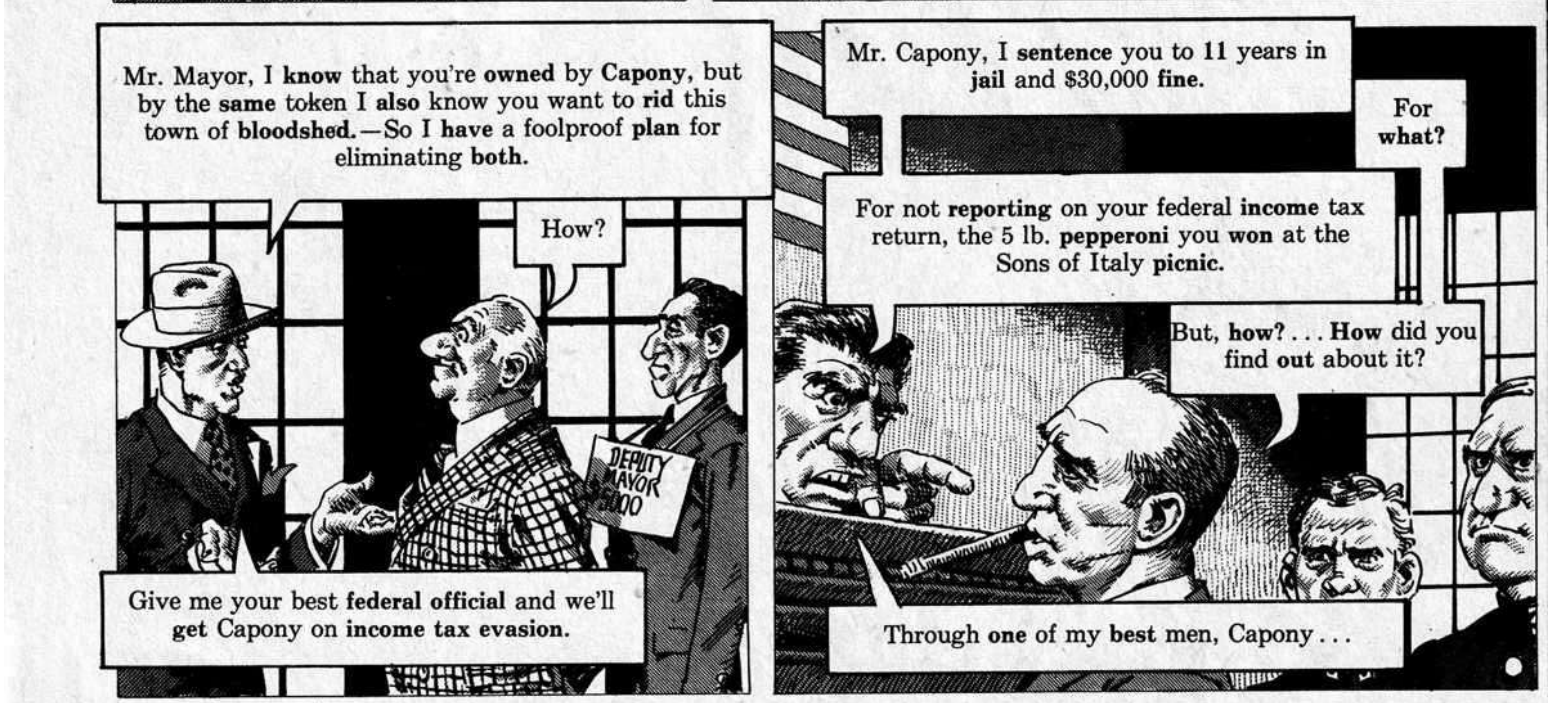
That was a swell date, but don't you think you're becoming a little too violent.

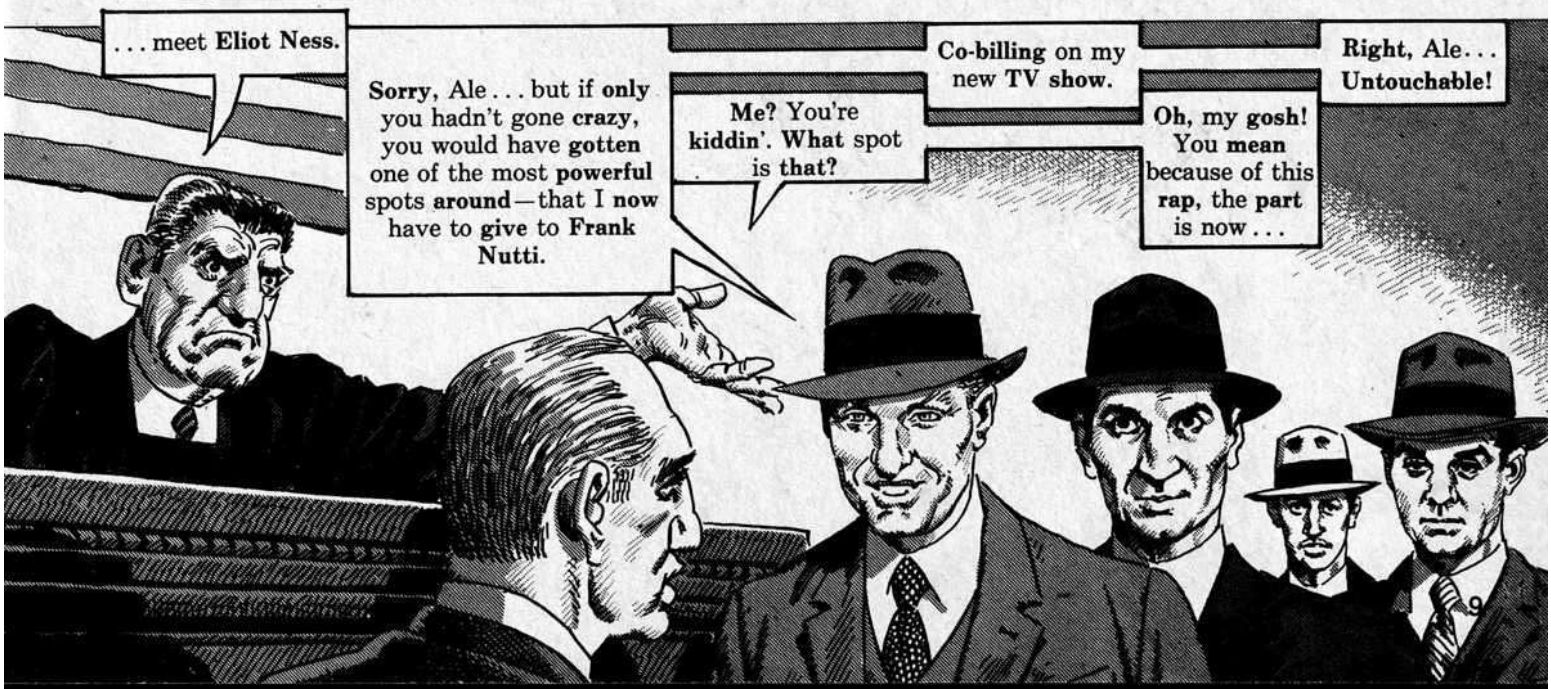
You're nuts—I'm as normal as anyone.

But, most people go to the park to feed the pigeons, not to kick them.

CRACKED is taking $300 worth of Karate lessons and breaking $400 worth of boards . . .







CRACKED is writing a check for a year's subscription because you always wanted to write something that was accepted by a magazine . . .

What has 300 arms, 300 legs and won't leave until you throw it out? 150 people at a wedding reception! And a lot more happens at one of these affairs than just eating and toasting the bride as you'll soon see in our next crazy centerspread . . .

CRACKED *Looks at a Wedding Reception*

Q. What would you have if Count Dracula became an Avon Lady?
A. A dingbat?

I know they're a hip couple, but do you think "Hip-A-Boogie Garbage Rock" is appropriate for the bride and groom's first dance?
Did you see my apple turnover?
Yeah . . . it happened right after my banana split!
WE ARE NOT THE ROLLING STONES
You asked me for a screwdriver. It'll turn anything loose.
What's that?
Only the ones I have to pay for, Agnes.
Phil, don't you just feel like crying at any wedding you attend?
Neither! I just hang out here every week for a free meal.
The bride is sure going to be a good little economical wife.
I saw her saving the rice people threw at her!
How can you tell?
This is such a big lovely affair . . . which side of the family are you on?
Do you think anyone will notice that we booked two receptions into this hall at the same time?
Where are the bride and groom honeymooning?
Well, he wanted to go to Bayville and she wanted to go to Hawaii. But instead of starting off their marriage with a big fight, they're compromising by going to a place that neither one of them likes.
Are you kidding! Both are Italian weddings!
VON OCHEK

Bless Our Press Section

Governments invariably disdain bad news events for fear of their effect on the public. Simultaneously, they encourage "good" news since it puts a glow on their administration. Recent examples of sensitive government officials trying to tell the news media how to do its job got us to thinking about how we take our free press for granted, and . . .

HOW PAST EVENTS MIGHT HAVE BEEN REPORTED WITH A GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED PRESS

HOW THE NEWS WAS REPORTED DEC. 17, 1773

ANGRY BOSTONIANS DRESS AS INDIANS, DUMP 342 CHESTS OF TEA INTO HARBOR

ACTION VIEWED AS RETALIATION FOR OPPRESSIVE BRITISH TEA TAX

ANGRY COLONISTS TOSS TEA INTO HARBOR

HOW A CROWN-CONTROLLED PRESS MIGHT HAVE REPORTED IT DEC. 17, 1773

Jovial Bostonians Hold Gala Seaboard Masquerade

Boston—A jolly shipboard prank was viewed by all as a harmless release for today's exuberant fun-loving youth. The genial carnival atmosphere surrounding the event prompted some officials into thinking of holding a similar Mardi-Gras type festival each year.

PAUL REVERE takes first prize for his imaginative Mohawk costume.

HOW THE NEWS EVENT WAS REPORTED

OCT. 9, 1871

CHICAGO MERCURY

EXTRA:

MASSIVE FIRE WIPES OUT CHICAGO

Building and livestock damage set at $196 million.

Blaze traced to cow kicking over lantern

Sketch of Holocaust

HOW A GOV'T-CONTROLLED PRESS MIGHT HAVE REPORTED IT

CHICAGO MERCURY

EXTRA:

HUGE REDEVELOPMENT HITS CHICAGO

Slums eradicated over night. Disease-ridden area no longer poses problem, mayor says

CHICAGOANS ENJOY WARM RESPITE FROM COLD WEATHER

Chicago—Chicagoans took advantage of the unusually warm weather to view what had to be the world's largest outdoor barbecue of cattle.

PREDICT BIG BUILDING BOOM FOR CHICAGO

CHICAGO—The Mayor and other city officials today announced . . .

HOW THE NEWS EVENT WAS REPORTED

JUNE 25, 1876

GENERAL CUSTER'S TROOPS MASSACRED BY SIOUX AT LITTLE BIG HORN

Little Big Horn—The sixth cavalry was wiped out to a man in a clash with Sioux Indians. General George Armstrong Custer and his 400-man cavalry force ran into an Indian . . .

Chief Sitting Bull in Charge of Attack

HOW A GOV'T-CONTROLLED PRESS MIGHT HAVE REPORTED IT

LITTLE BIG HORN LEADS AS NATION'S NO. 1 RETIREMENT HOME FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Little Big Horn—over 400 soldiers of the Seventh Cavalry including General Custer himself, decided en masse to choose Little Big Horn as a permanent retirement home. Promises by local Sioux developers of a well-stocked, happy hunting ground had much to do with the cavalrymen's decision and . . .

Chief Sitting Bull in charge of Local Welcome Wagon

HOW THE NEWS EVENT WAS REPORTED

FEB. 26, 1913

INCOME TAX TO BE LEVIED ON AMERICANS

16th AMENDMENT RATIFIED

Washington—Many citizens view the new tax on income with alarm. Critics believe the measure gives impetus for a strong, centralized government that would usurp the powers of local government.

TARGET OF NEW LAW

HOW A GOV'T-CONTROLLED PRESS MIGHT HAVE REPORTED IT

GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES BRILLIANT CRIME-FIGHT MEASURE

Washington—The nation's criminals face bleak times ahead. Through a novel income tax plan, the government hopes to drain off excess income from its citizens thereby leaving slim pickings for members of the underworld.

BIG STICK HAS CRIME ON THE RUN

HOW THE NEWS EVENT WAS REPORTED

DAILY BLUES

OCT. 25, 1929

HYSTERIA SWEEPS WALL STREET

BROKERS LEAP TO SUICIDE IN FINANCIAL PANIC

240 ISSUES LOSE $15 BILLION IN VALUE

EX-MILLIONAIRE J.P. GETROCKS III REDUCED TO SELLING APPLES

HOW A GOV'T-CONTROLLED PRESS MIGHT HAVE REPORTED IT

DAILY BLUES

OCT. 25, 1929

BARGAIN TIME ON WALL STREET

DRASTIC PRICE REDUCTIONS IN QUALITY BLUE CHIP STOCKS SEEN AS INDUCEMENT TO "GIVE THE LITTLE GUY" THE CHANCE AT A PIECE OF THE ACTION

Would-Be investors urged to hurry. Sale may be withdrawn at any time

MILLIONAIRE J.P. GETROCKS III, IN PUBLICITY PHOTO DEMONSTRATES STOCKS ARE NOW ALMOST AS CHEAP AS APPLES

HOW THE NEWS EVENT WAS REPORTED

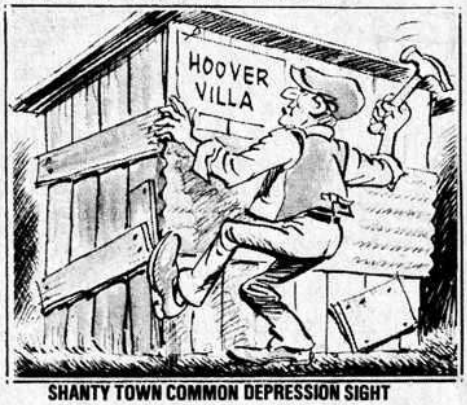
CLEVELAND PAIN DEALER

DEC. 12, 1931

DEPRESSION UNEMPLOYMENT AT ALL-TIME HIGH

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE HITS 25%

MILLIONS ON BREAD LINES



SHANTY TOWN COMMON DEPRESSION SIGHT

HOW A GOV'T CONTROLLED PRESS MIGHT HAVE REPORTED IT

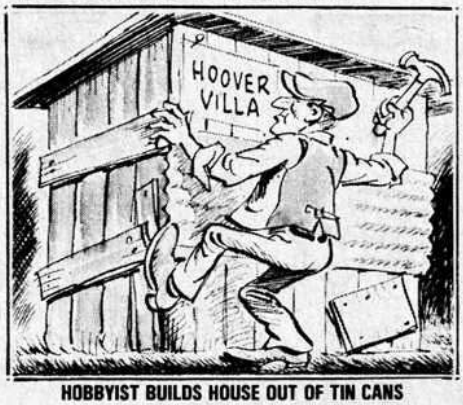
CLEVELAND PAIN DEALER

DEC. 12, 1931

LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES HIT RECORD HIGH

WHO SAYS AMERICANS DON'T KNOW HOW TO RELAX?

HOBBY BOOM REACHES UNPRECEDENTED LEVELS



HOBBYIST BUILDS HOUSE OUT OF TIN CANS

HOW THE NEWS EVENT WAS REPORTED

WASHINGTON PEST

JULY 28, 1932

BONUS ARMY FLARE-UP IN NATION'S CAPITAL

BITTER WORLD WAR I VETERANS DEMAND CONGRESS PAY THEM THEIR BONUS

REGULAR ARMY USED TO DRIVE VETS OUT OF THEIR ENCAMPMENT

SOLDIERS WITH GAS MASKS FORCE VETS OUT OF MAKE-SHIFT SHACKS

HOW A GOV'T-CONTROLLED PRESS MIGHT HAVE REPORTED IT

WASHINGTON PEST

JULY 28, 1932

VETERANS ON NOSTALGIC KICK

VETS REENACT FAMOUS BATTLE OF WORLD WAR I

Traveling down memory lane, fun-loving World War I veterans today reenacted some of the famous battles of World War I with the help of regular army troops stationed in Washington

VETS AND ARMY CLASH IN BATTLE REENACTMENT

HOW THE NEWS EVENT WAS REPORTED

★★★★★ DAILY BLAH FINAL

DEC. 8, 1941

JAPANESE ATTACK PEARL HARBOR

OUR PACIFIC FLEET DESTROYED IN SNEAK ATTACK

MILITARY CAUGHT WITH PANTS DOWN

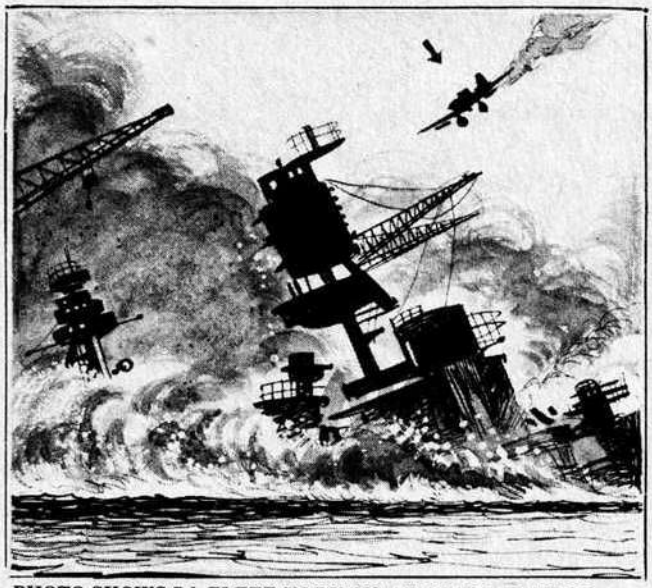


PHOTO SHOWS 7th FLEET IN RUINS AT PEARL HARBOR
ARROW POINTS TO ONE OF THE FEW JAPANESE AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN ON THE SUNDAY RAID OF DEC. 7th

HOW A GOV'T-CONTROLLED PRESS MIGHT HAVE REPORTED THE EVENT

★★★★★ DAILY BLAH FINAL

DEC. 8, 1941

NAVY LAUNCHES MODERNIZATION PLAN

Pearl Harbor—To meet the demands of modern warfare, the U.S. Navy decided to scrap its antiquated Pacific fleet of 86 ships. The Japanese Armed Forces were lured into destroying the American fleet at absolutely no expense to the U.S. Government

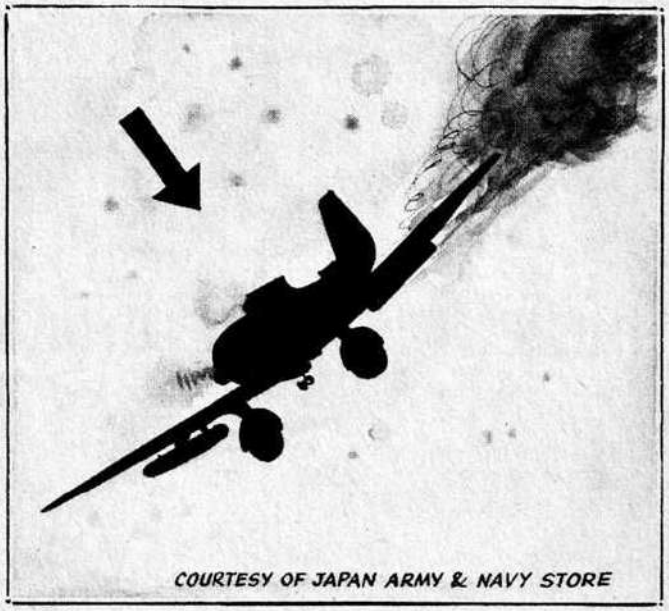


PHOTO ABOVE SHOWS STILL ANOTHER JAPANESE AIRCRAFT BITING THE DUST AT THE HANDS OF OUR EVER-ALERT FORCES

HOW THE NEWS EVENT WAS REPORTED

DEMOCRATIC HQ. BURGLARIZED

TOP WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN PLANNING

MASSIVE COVER-UP INVOLVES FBI

Republican Campaign Money Used As Hush Money for Wiretappers and Burglars

Washington—This town was rocked with further revelations about the doings of . . .

HOW A GOV'T-CONTROLLED PRESS RELEASE *DID* REPORT THE EVENT . . .

JUNE 17, 1972

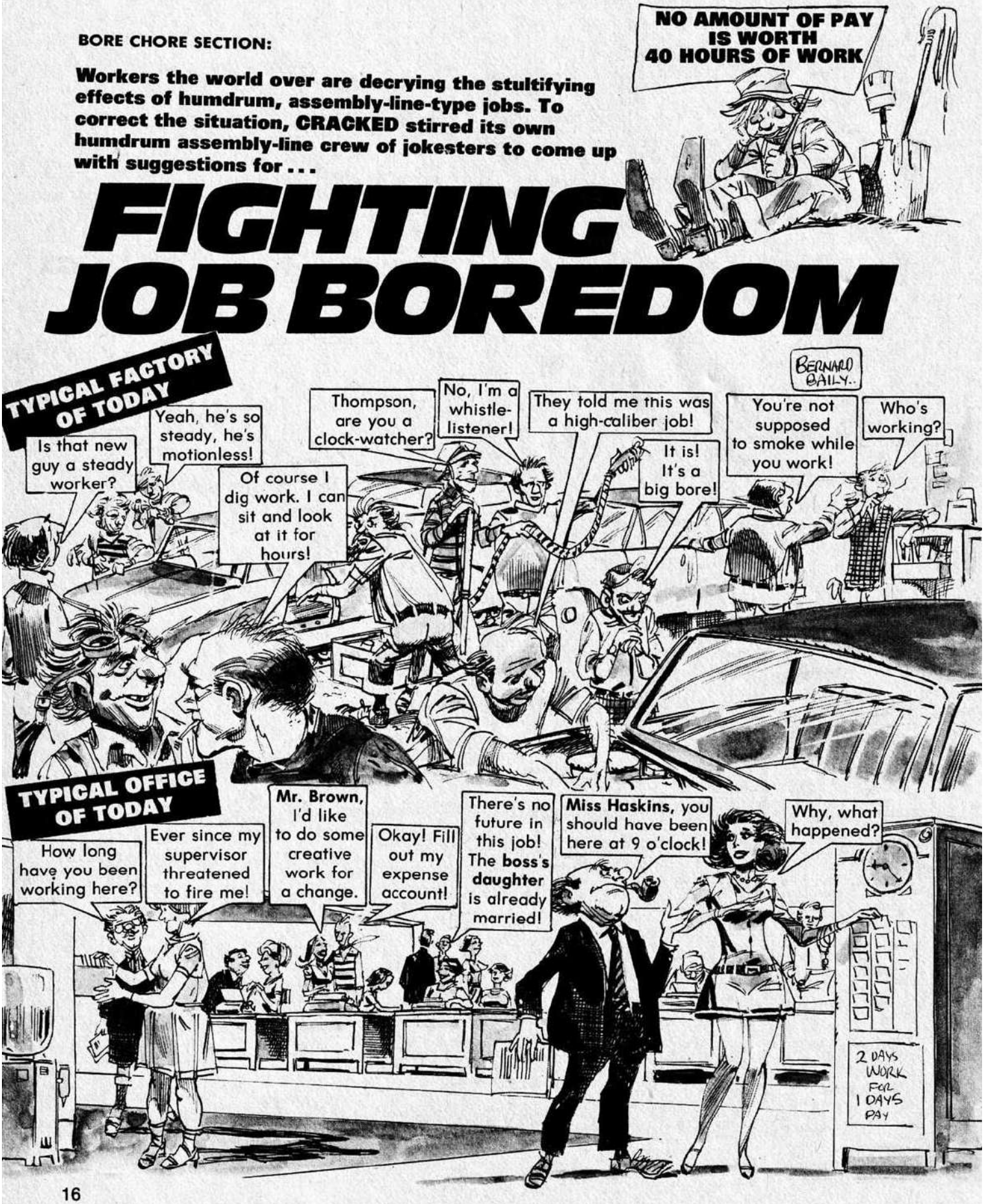
HO HUM! Another third rate burglary

Washington—An alleged burglary was alleged to have taken place in an alleged hotel allegedly known as the Watergate.

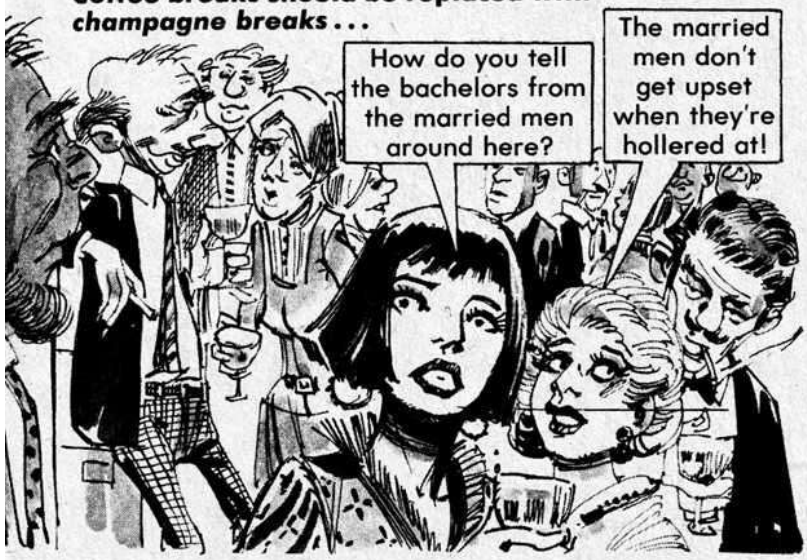
BORE CHORE SECTION:

Workers the world over are decrying the stultifying effects of humdrum, assembly-line-type jobs. To correct the situation, CRACKED stirred its own humdrum assembly-line crew of jokesters to come up with suggestions for . . .

FIGHTING JOB BOREDOM



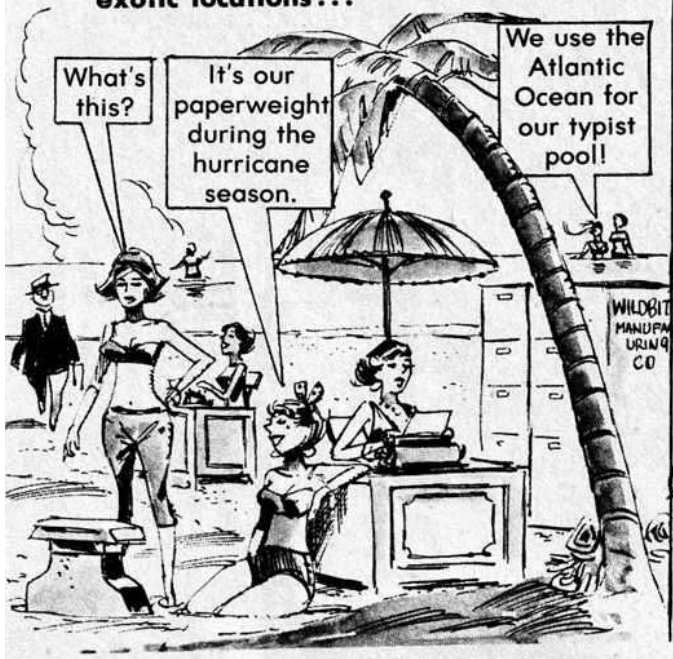
Coffee breaks should be replaced with champagne breaks . . .



A big fuss should be made over status symbols . . .

Monotonous office routines should be jazzed up . . .

Businesses should try to settle in more exotic locations . . .



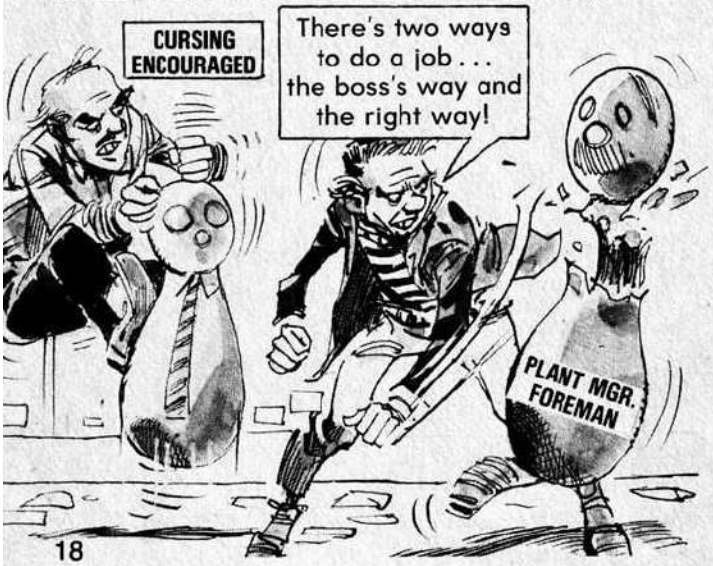
Interoffice romances should be encouraged . . .

Make coming to work exciting by combining the time clock with a slot machine . . .

Morale-boosting machines should be installed . . .

The deadening routine of the assembly-line should be enlivened with an occasional surprise . . .

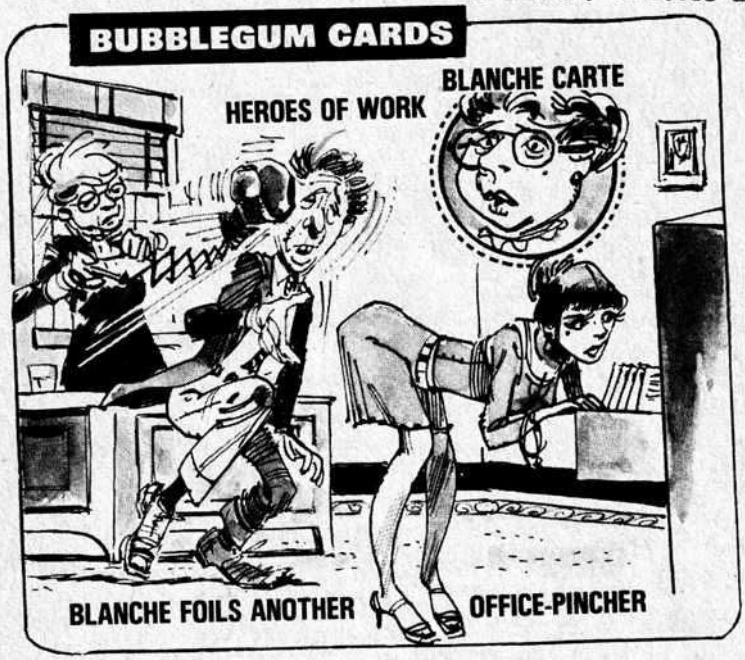
Workers should be able to vent their rage and frustrations in a blow-off-steam room . . .

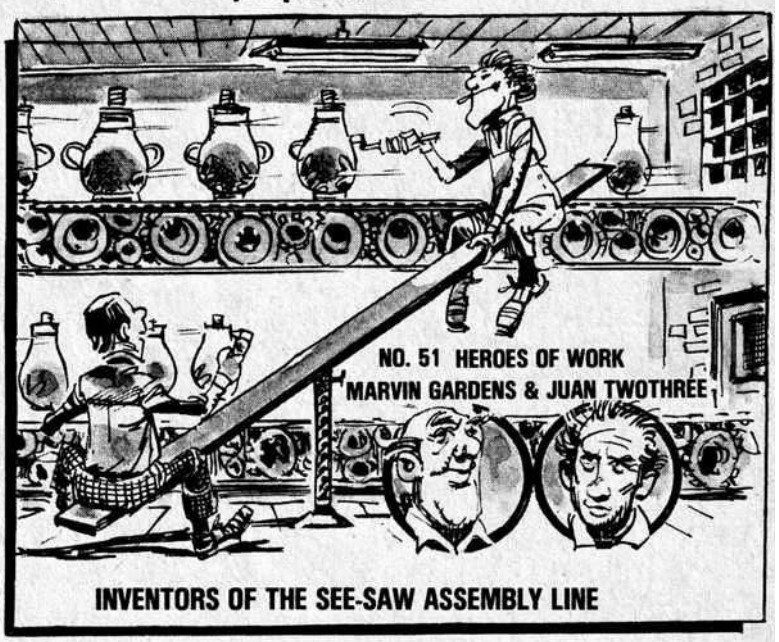


As they leave the plant, workers should be made to feel they're appreciated . . .

Laborers and office workers should also be accorded the same recognition and honors we bestow on statesmen, athletes and professional people...

BUBBLEGUM CARDS





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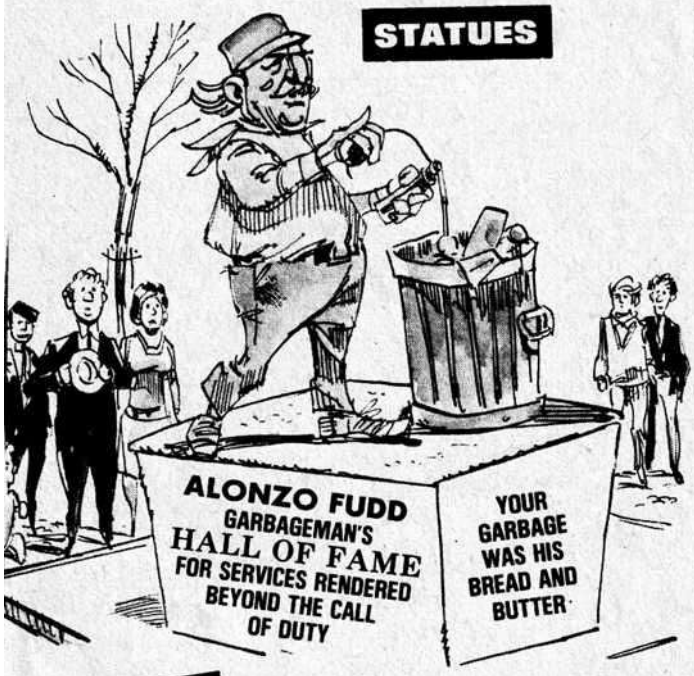

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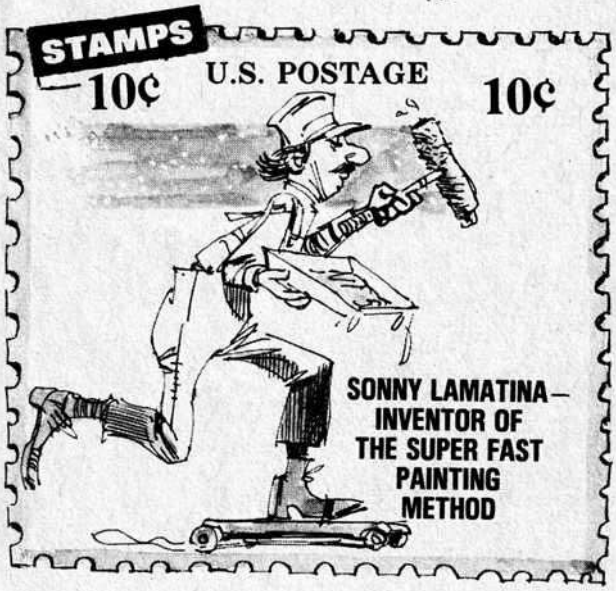

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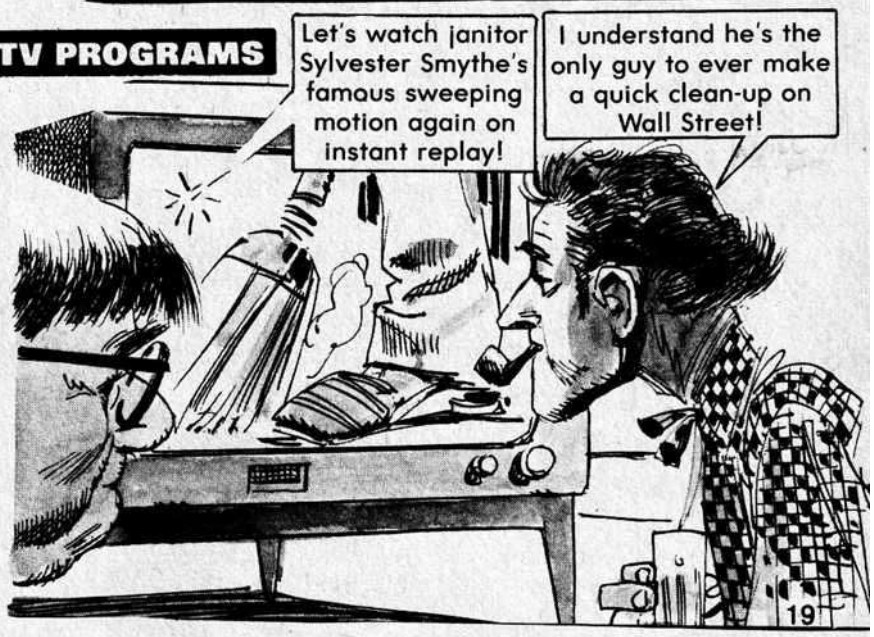


In case you haven't noticed, the U.S. Bicentennial is just around the corner. Well, we were sitting around trying to come up with an article along this line, when writer Joe Catalano came running in with some astonishing documents he had found in his attic. They were none other than the letters showing the correspondence carried on between George Washington and Betsy Ross while trying to come up with a design for Old Glory. Yes, thanks to the discovery of these lost letters, CRACKED can now present, exclusively—

THE UNTOLD STORY OF HOW BETSY ROSS CREATED THE FLAG.

June 5, 1775

To: Ross Flag Co.
10 Flyem High Lane
Philadelphia, Pa.

From:
Mr. G. Washington
9 Flyem High Lane
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Miss Ross,
The Continental Congress and myself are in the process of forming a new nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all, due to the fact that the course of human events makes it necessary for us to dissolve the political bonds that have so long bound us. In other words, we're planning on splitting from Great Britain.
Do you think it might be possible for you to design a flag for us — a flag that will be the mother to us all?

Sincerely yours,
Mr. George Washington

Ross Flag Company
10 Flyem High Lane
Philadelphia, Pa.

June 20, 1775

Dear Mr. Washington,
Enclosed herewith is the Flag you ordered. I have included an extra swatch of fabric in case the flag gets torn in your pursuits of truth, justice and the American way.

Sincerely,
Betsy Ross

From the Desk of
G. Washington

June 25, 1775

Ross Flag Co.
10 Flyem High Lane
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Betsy,
Just got your flag and a couple of things are wrong. First, we realize your Uncle Sol played an important role in the design, but we can't go with his initials (U.S.) so prominent in our flag.
Also, the Congress and I didn't go for the lace border. We realize it stands for Motherhood, but it's a bit too feminine.
Perhaps you could try something with stars and stripes —

Forever,
Washington

BETSY ROSS, INC.

August 15, 1775

Dear George,
Have omitted mom, lace and apple pie (along with Uncle Sol, who got extremely mad and threatened to secede from the Flag Union — everything, though is O.K. now).
Have substituted stars and stripes —

Forever,
Betsy

Office of the President
(TO BE)

Sept. 10, 1775

Dear Bets,
Like stars and stripes, but new pattern is much too busy – eight men have become nauseous when we waved the red, white and blue and somehow we don't think this is what the nation's symbol should do to its people.
Could you make something simpler, perhaps?

Regards,
Georgie

P.S. If it's not too much trouble, though, I wouldn't mind having the rejected pattern made into a sport jacket for myself.

BETSY ROSS, INC.
the "WAVE" of the FUTURE

Nov. 10, 1775

Georgie,
The big thing in Flags for next season is mixing grey, orange and pink, but if it's simplicity you want, then try running this one up the pole.

Bets

P.S. It's gonna cost you $25 more for creating this new pattern.

Bleyberg Motel
(I slept here last night)
Feb. 23, 1776

Bets,
New design IS simple, but we don't go for the small vacant spot in the upper right hand corner – perhaps you might try inserting something signifying freedom and equality forever.

Georgie

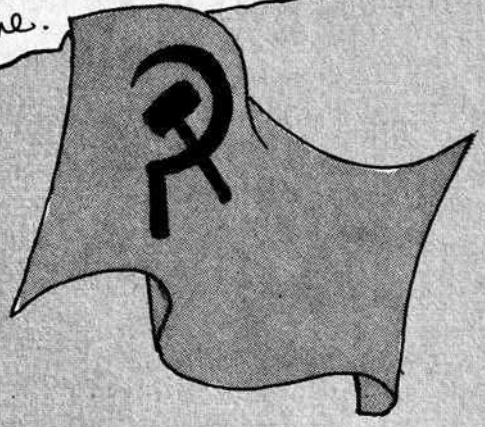
P.S. Sorry I didn't write you yesterday, but it was my birthday and I had off.

BETSY ROSS, INC.

Dear Georgie Boy,
Here's the flag you ordered that holds the truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal by their Creator with certain inalienable rights.

The Big B.

P.S. I was really rushin' to finish this one.



WASHINGTON ENTERPRISES

April 2, 1776

Dear Miss Ross,
The Congress and I disliked the last flag idea you sent us. Although we thought the idea a good one, we just couldn't find a place for it on our flag poles at the moment. Thanks for the look, though.

Wash

P.S. Sorry to have to send this form rejection, but things have been hectic here with the bombs bursting in air and all.

CRACKED is taking a 4-way cold tablet and finding out you have a 5-way cold!

BETSY ROSS, INC.

July 20, 1776

Dear Washee,
We have decided to give it another all-american try and think red (symbolizing blood), white (symbolizing purity) and blue (symbolizing how I'll feel if I don't get this order) should be the colors for your more perfect union.
Betsy

P.S. The green spot in the right hand corner is not part of the original design, but merely a bit of pea soup that spilled from uncle Bob's lunch. Sorry.

HOWARD McJOHNSON'S MOTOR LODGE
(I slept here, too)

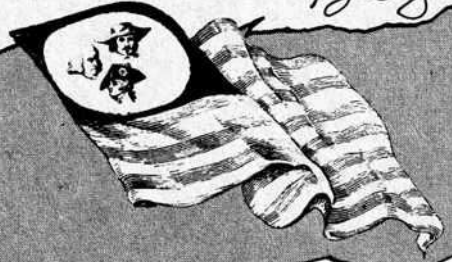
Sept. 1, 1776

Betsy,
Not bad, but we can't pledge allegiance to this flag for our United States of America just yet. Do you think you could throw in some stars for us?
G. W.

BETSY ROSS, INC.

Jan. 1, 1777

Dear G.W.
Why not? Stars are 50¢ apiece or three for two dollars.
Betsy



G. Washington
Mt. Vernon

February 15, 1777

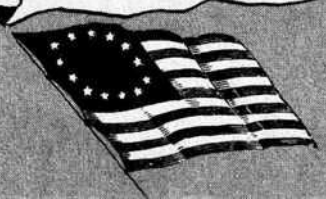
Dear Betsy,
I realize that Tom Paine, Ethan Allen and Captain Kirk are all "stars" in their own right, but the stars I had in mind were the ones that get into Martha's and my eyes when we look through the hole in our living room ceiling during the evening.
Fondly,
George

P.S. You don't fix rooves, do you?

BETSY ROSS, INC.

April 10, 1777

Dear George,
Try this.
Should it still be unsatisfactory, we suggest then, that you take your more perfect union elsewhere.
We are currently very busy since we have recently acquired accounts from some 20 different Latin American countries (and you know how rapid the "new nations" turnover is there).
Sincerely,
B. Ross
(President)



Miss B. Ross
10 Flyem High Lane
Philadelphia, Pa.
(Zip unknown)

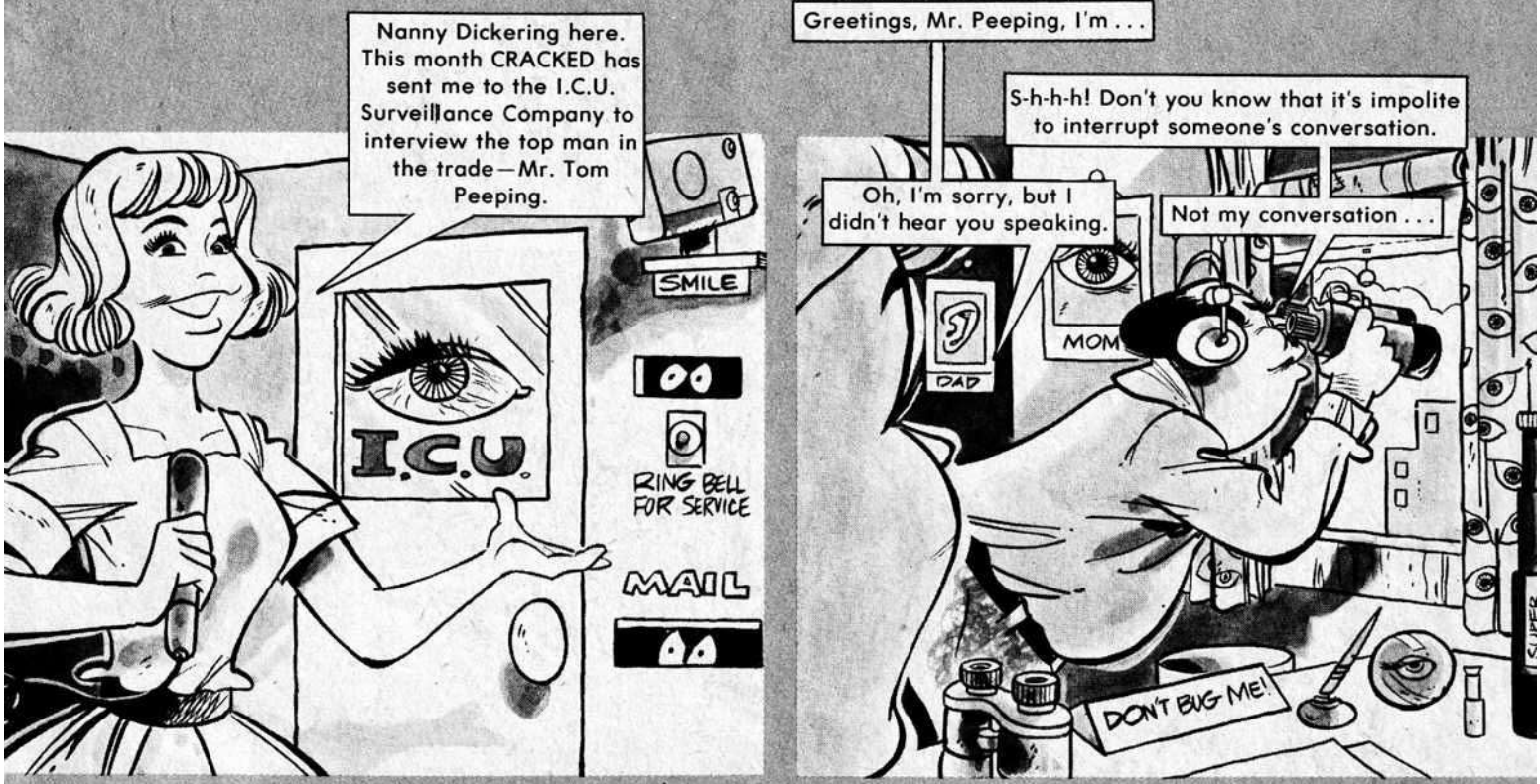
June 14, 1777

Dear Betsy,
We love it! It is Fabulous! We realize that you've worked night and day for two years coming up with the design, and we would like to show our appreciation by placing a substantial order almost immediately.
Please mail us one (1) U.S. flag one week after we win the revolution that we are about to enter.
Your someday prez,
G. Washington

CRACKED is inventing a new drug that cures penicillin!

George Orwell's 1984 was the first book to use the phrase "Big brother is watching," but today, in an era of Watergate and wiretaps, it seems that not only is big brother hanging out, but little sister is also right in there with him. How do these men work? Who hires them? Well, you'll soon find out as . . .

CRACKED INTERVIEWS THE SURVEILLANCE KING



. . . this big ear. It can hear a a pin drop over 200 yards away.
Amazing. Can I see it in operation?
OUR MOTTO: STOP, SNOOP, + LISTEN!
SHHH
Sorry! It has to be cleaned and at the moment I'm all out of Q-Tips.
WE WORK UNDERCOVER, OVERCOVER, AND IN-BETWEEN THE COVERS!
Mr. Peeping, I didn't think you'd be a soap opera fan. Isn't that "The Upset Stomach?"
IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED SPY SPY AGAIN
CENSORED
That's life in 3D.
Tommy, I'll miss you every minute you're gone.
And I you.
I never heard of that show.
It's not a show. That's a monitor of what's going on in apartment 3D of this building.
Why are you looking in on them?
That woman's husband suspects that she's been seeing the milkman for reasons other than delivering milk.
What makes him suspect that?
The milkman comes every morning and yet my client still has to drink his coffee black.
Is all of your spying done in street dress?
No, quite often I wear a disguise—and I might modestly add that some of them have been quite remarkable. Here's one of me as a parakeet.
DISGUISE #21
Sitting in that bird cage must have been confining.
Yeah, but it wasn't half as bad as having to eat nothing but cheap birdseed for a week.
And here's me as an azalea bush.
You had lovely flowers there.
I did until the gardener trimmed them. —Me as an ice cube. I hid out in a bowl of punch one evening gathering evidence.
DISGUISE #17
And what was the result of that mission?
Frostbite!
My gosh, it's 4 o'clock. Listen Nanny, there's a fashion show I have to attend now. Would you care to come along?
Why, I'd love to.

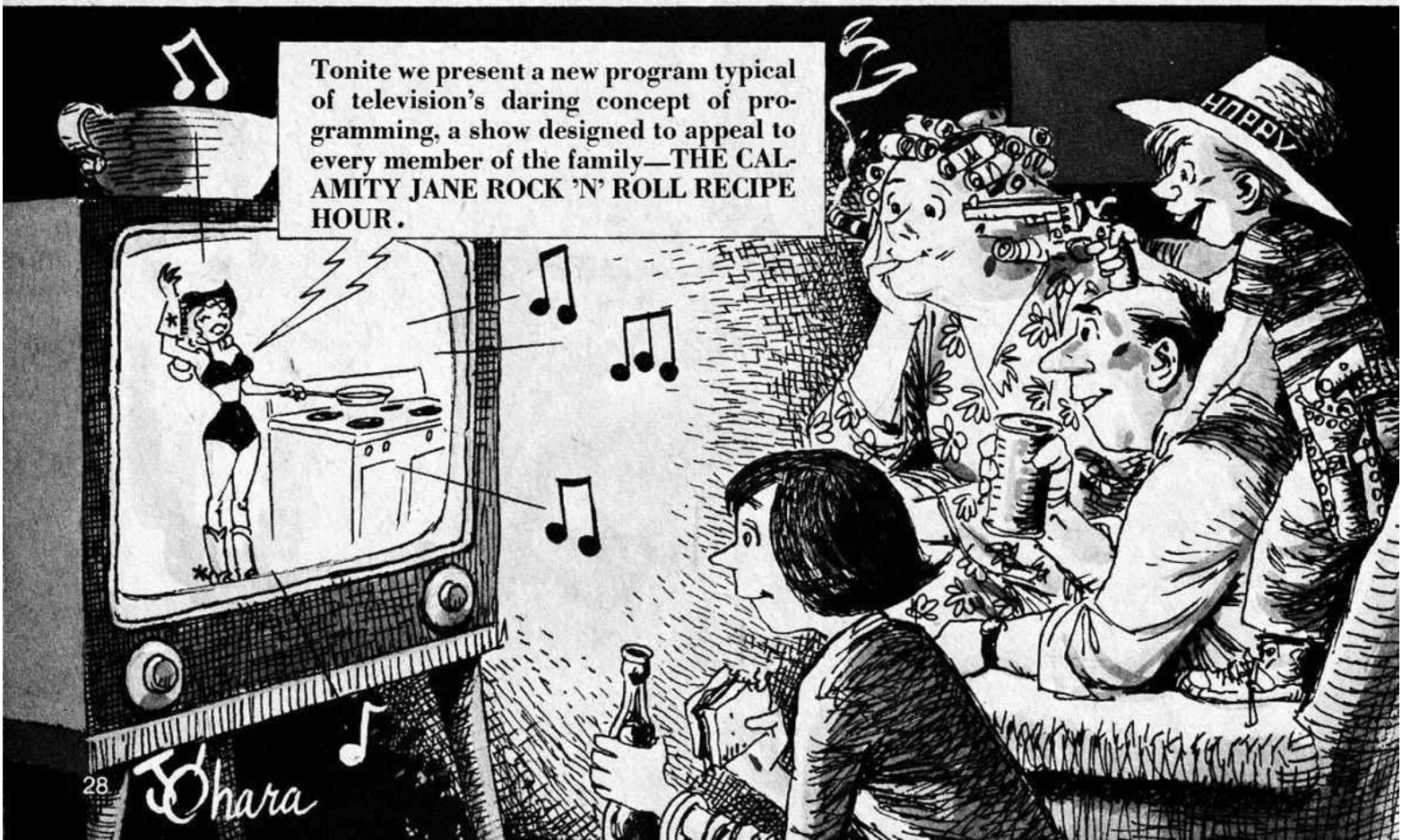
Ah, Mr. Peeping, this isn't exactly what I pictured when you said we'd be going to a fashion show. Couldn't the promoters have given you better seats?
Nanny, the people running this didn't give me **any** seats. I'm filming it for one of their competitors.
Is this what you call industrial spying?
Nanny, industrial research sounds better.
You deny this is spying?
I didn't say I denied it. All I said was that industrial research sounded better.
Well, did you enjoy the show?
I'm afraid I saw very little of it hiding in that piano.
Perhaps, but you gotta admit one thing.
You **heard** the music better than anyone else.
What?
EXIT
Oh Nanny, if you look over there, you can see one of my partners at work there.
Which one is yours—the man selling ice cream?
The one next to him—in the sandbox!
ICE CR
KEEP OFF
20¢
NO LOITER
LIL ABNA WUZ HERE
What is your man doing in there?
He's spying on the kid in the checkered shirt.
Really! Who hired him?
The kid in the brown sunsuit. My man's gathering party information for him.
Is he trying to see if the kid in the checkered shirt is a member of the **Communist** party?
No, he's trying to see if the kid in the checkered shirt is inviting him to his **birthday** party.
NO
YELLING
Isn't that kind of petty spying?
In a society where everyone is trying to keep his actions secret from everyone else, it's nice to know that at least someone is exposing it all.

By the way N'anny, you'd better pay the $11.98 you owe Sear's for the dress you're wearing.
How did you know about that?
I have access to all the C.I.A. dossiers.
I'm in the dossiers?!!
Can you give me a simplified breakdown on the types of people that are in those files?
Yes.
In one general word?
Americans!
TOP SECRET
CRACKED MAGS
BOTTOM SECRET
ICU
You mean everyone living in the United States is being spied on?
Not everyone. As people are declared "safe," they're eliminated from the files.
Who were the most recently removed?
George and Martha Washington.
JAMES BOND FAN CLUB
Can you give my readers some tips on wiretapping?
Well, when a bugger dresses, he should look as natural as possible.
I see a slight lump in your breast pocket. I bet that's a hidden microphone.
Wrong—
It's a tiny tape recorder.
And what clever little device do you have hidden in that brown paper bag?
Something no bugger going on a long surveillance mission should be without.
His earphones?
—his lunch! You get hungry hanging around empty closets all day long.
TOP SECRET

I have to admit that I feel a little uneasy talking to you—sort of like whatever I say now may one day be held against me.
Nonsense, Nanny. I don't record everything I do or say.
That's a relief.
Would you mind repeating that. I don't think the bowl of fruit on the table heard you.
Don't you feel guilty listening in on other people's conversations?
Nanny, the first amendment guarantees free speech in the privacy of your own home.
Then you do feel guilty?
WE DO INCOME TAX RETURNS TOO!
On the contrary. I'm not listening in the privacy of anyone's home—I'm in a truck two miles away.
Surveillance people must have very strange conventions. Where are they held?
In everyone's own office. Once a year we just bug each other's place for a week and learn what the latest developments are that way.
WATERGATE SURVEILANCE CORP.
Tell me sir, what's that wire there?
Wire?—Oh my gosh, Nanny! This office is bugged!!
Convention time?
This is disgraceful. Disgusting.
But sir, isn't that what you do all day long?
To others, yes. But to have it happen to myself! . . .
Well Nanny, that'll have to be it. I gotta go and find a new bugproof place to operate from.
Is there anyplace in America free from surveillance?
I doubt it!—Wait! There is somewhere that would never be bugged because nothing of any importance ever happens there.
And where's that?
The offices of CRACKED!
And this is Nanny Dickering signing off reminding you that these days, not only do the walls have ears—but they have eyes as well!

Why does the dwindling movie business depend almost solely on popcorn receipts for profits? . . . Why do Americans own umpteen times more TV sets in 1967 than they did in 1904? The answer is obvious. The flagging movie business has not only failed to keep pace with its dynamic and imaginative rival—television, but it has also failed to cater to the demands of today's sophisticated and discriminating audience. In a special report, CRACKED examines . . .

THE SUPERIORITY OF TV OVER MOVIES



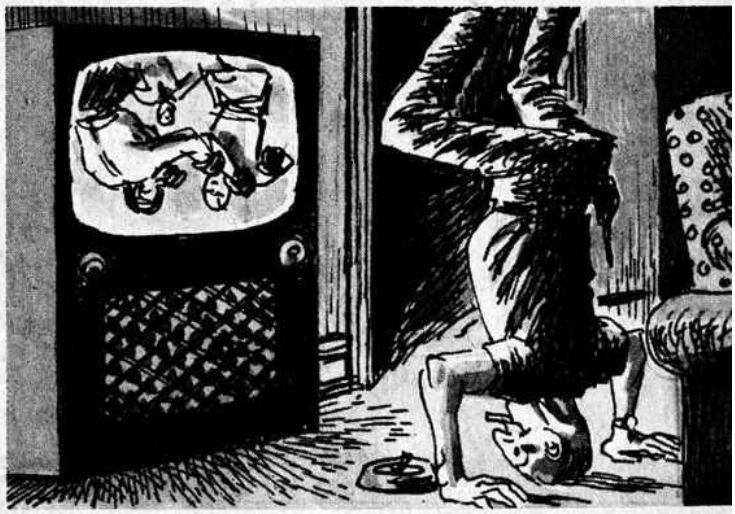
Below are some of the MANY reasons why audiences have deserted the movies for TV.

At the movies you often find yourself stuck behind some inconsiderate person.

. . . But with TV, if your vision is obscured, you're always free to change your seat.

At the movies the picture sometimes gets out of focus.

. . . With TV, you may have rolling pictures, snowy pictures, narrow pictures, double pictures, but you never ever have out-of-focus pictures.



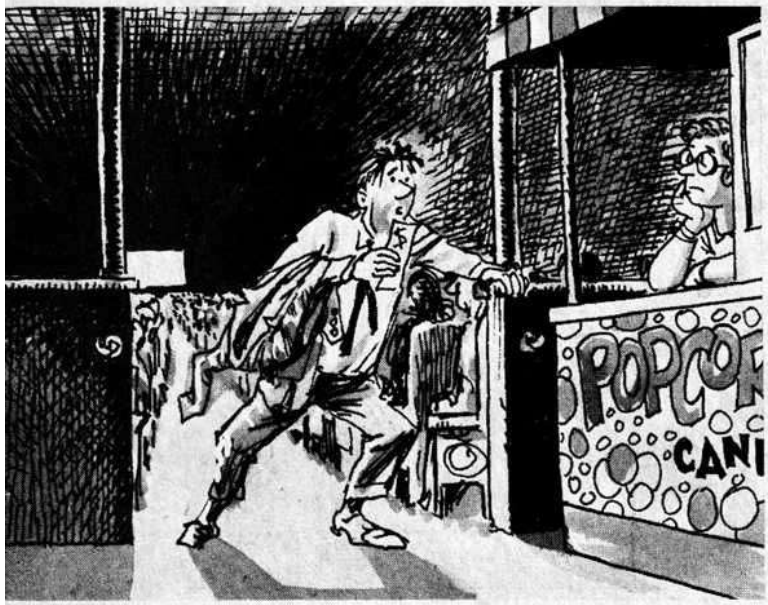
At the movies you may have to sit through a 4 hour epic with just one itty-bitty intermission.

. . . But with TV, you get many, many intermissions.

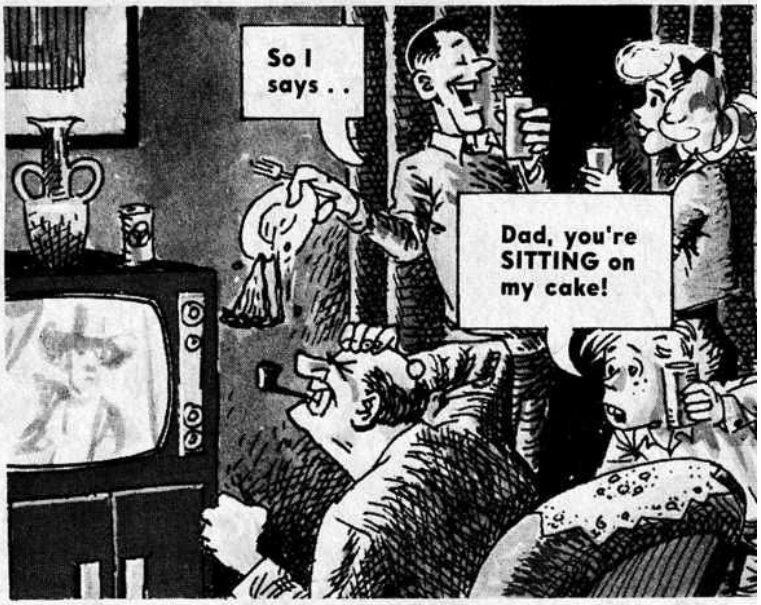
The movies are constantly rehashing old themes with fancy window dressing.

. . . But TV gives you original themes.

At the movies you have to hike all the way to the lobby for refreshments.



. . . But with TV, refreshments are as close and handy as the nearest refrigerator.



Movie selections are *limited* to whatever happens to be playing at the local movie houses that week.

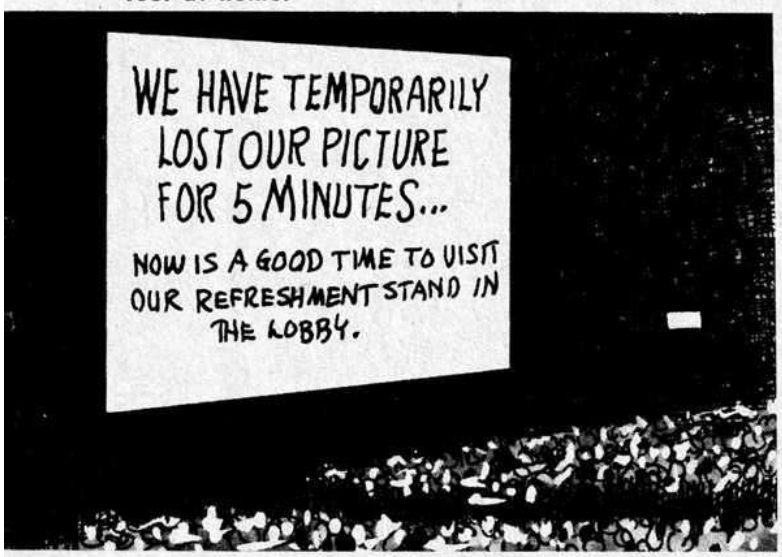
. . . But TV offers* hundreds and hundreds of programs *that your family can choose for you.

Do the preceding pages mean that the movie industry is doomed as a form of entertainment?

NO, NOT AT ALL! IN CRACKED'S OPINION, IF THE MOVIE INDUSTRY TAKES CORRECTIVE ACTION IMMEDIATELY, THEY WILL WIN BACK TV'S DISCRIMINATING AUDIENCE.

CRACKED'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

Since TV audiences are accustomed to the unexpected, the movies should try to make them feel at home.



Since TV audiences are accustomed to dial switching, the movie theaters should interrupt the main feature with newsreels and coming attractions.

Since TV audiences are accustomed to frequent telephone interruptions, every movie seat should come equipped with a phone.

Since TV audiences are accustomed to nostalgic movie re-runs, the movies should screen nostalgic TV re-runs.

And since TV audiences are accustomed to the suspense of sudden and expensive breakdowns...

An hour after you read this feature, you'll feel like reading it again. How come? Mainly because we now take . . .

A CRACKED LOOK

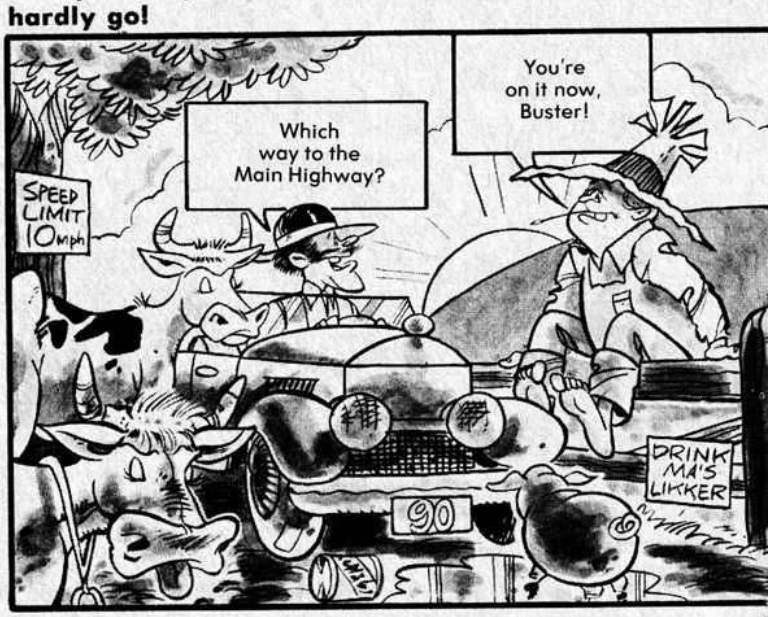
AT A CHINESE RESTAURANT

Today's hard times have made Americans yearn once again for the good old days. But think for a minute . . . How good were the good old days? Were they really better than they are today? Or maybe they were even worse? To answer these and other ridiculous questions of the past, we now take . . .

A CRACKED LOOK AT THE GOOD OLD DAYS?

IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS you didn't find garbage cluttering the streets of the city . . . but mainly because people were too poor to throw anything away!

IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS you didn't have to drive bumper-to-bumper on highways but could move freely . . . only the roads were so bad you could hardly go!



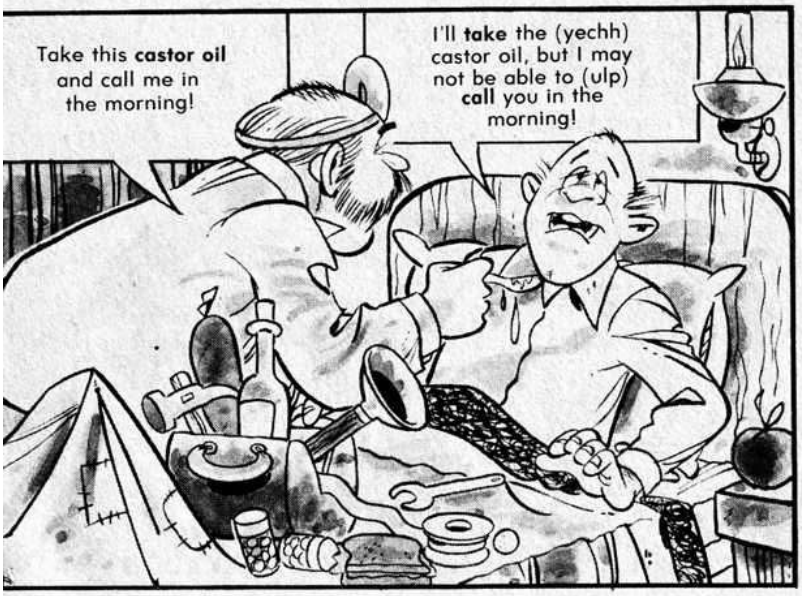
IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS you could walk the streets at night without fear . . . only there was no place to go because nobody had any money!

IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS there was no disrespect for authority, and the father figure meant something . . . only that same figure never had respect for you!

IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS there weren't any riots in places like colleges . . . but only because nobody could afford to send their child to one!

IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS you didn't have to wait in long supermarket lines but had little corner grocery stores . . . only they never had any item you wanted!

IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS a doctor didn't refuse to make house calls . . . and when he came, he gave you old-fashioned good-old-days medicine to take!



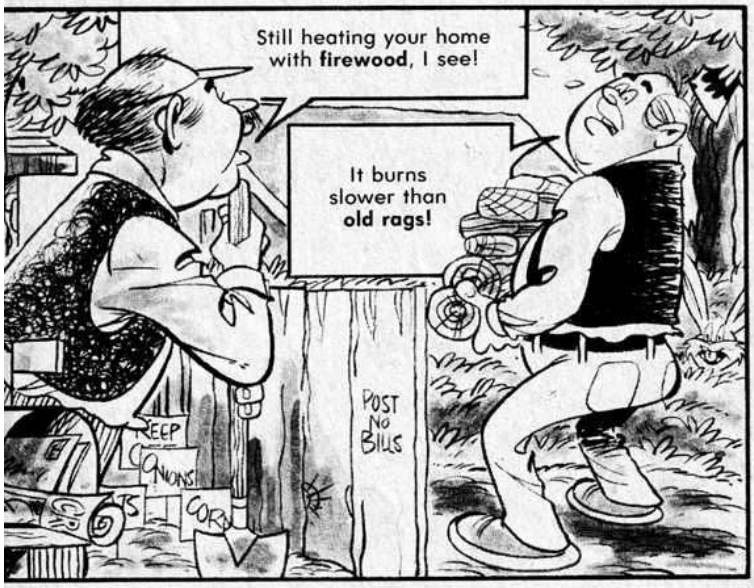
IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS there wasn't inflation and the dollar was worth something . . . only then there was a depression and you didn't even have a dollar!

IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS you didn't have to go on a diet because you were overweight . . . but simply because there was no food in the house!

IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS there was no discrimination and all people lived together harmoniously . . . but only because each group lived in a separate neighborhood!

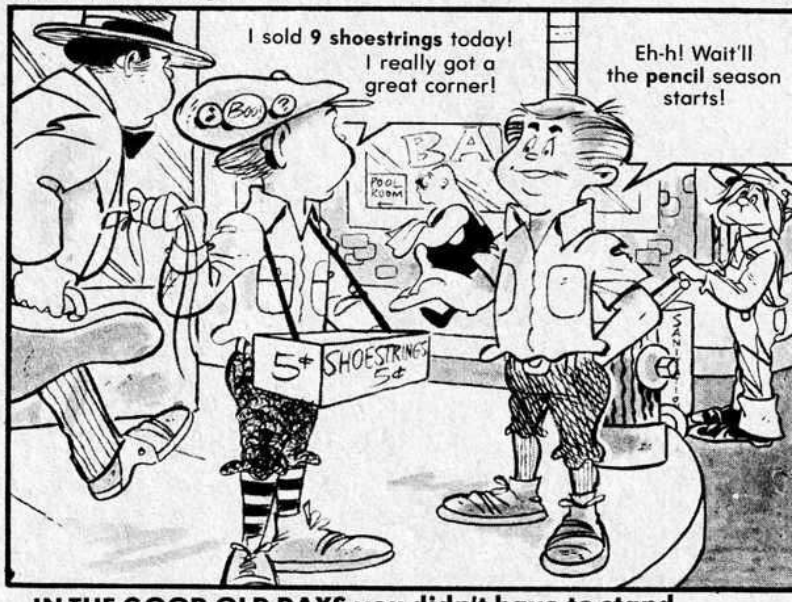
IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS the family unit counted for something . . . but this was merely because in your family you slept 12 in a room!

IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS there was no such thing as an oil shortage . . . mainly because in most of the homes those days there was no such thing as oil!



IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS there weren't any shortages of everything like today . . . chiefly because nobody had enough of anything to begin with!

IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS you didn't need a fortune to open your own business but could start on a shoestring . . . which is what most businesses were those days!



IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS you didn't have to stand in line for everything you wanted . . . In fact, there was just one line you stood in: The bread line!

IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS you didn't die of heart attacks at an early age . . . because you were killed the year before by things like pneumonia and the flu!

As everyone knows by now, business has been pretty bad all over. Corporation after corporation has been trying everything to come up with that one magic ingredient that will stir up sales again. Well, to date, it seems the best gimmick was the one used by the auto industry a few months back and, CRACKED figures if it worked for them, why not for other companies. Yup, think how fast our economy would recover

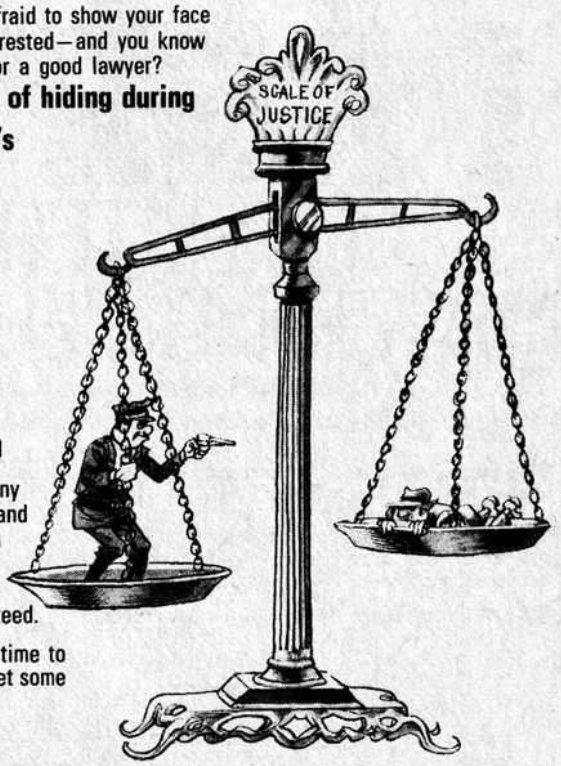
IF OTHER INDUSTRIES GAVE REBATES

Are you a criminal hiding out from justice—afraid to show your face because one step out and—ZAP, you'll be arrested—and you know you just don't have the money you need for a good lawyer?

Relax—now's the time to come out of hiding during

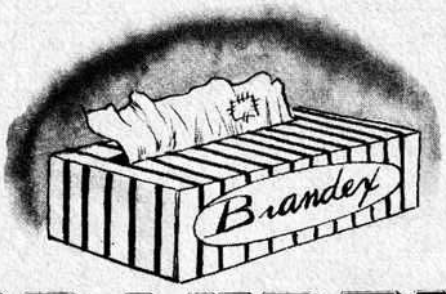
Smith, Smith, Sayer and Goatjuice's

TURN-'EM-IN SPECIAL



The way we work is simple. We'll defend any known criminal this month, in our usual way and when the verdict (and our bill) is in, he will receive a rebate of $200. You can't lose, 'cause if we don't get you off the hook, you get an extra $100—and that's almost guaranteed.

So, what are you hidin' out for . . . now's the time to visit Smith, Smith, Sayer and Goatjuice and get some extra cash in your pocket



BRANDEX TISSUES

IS HAVING A BIRTHDAY BLOWOUT!!!

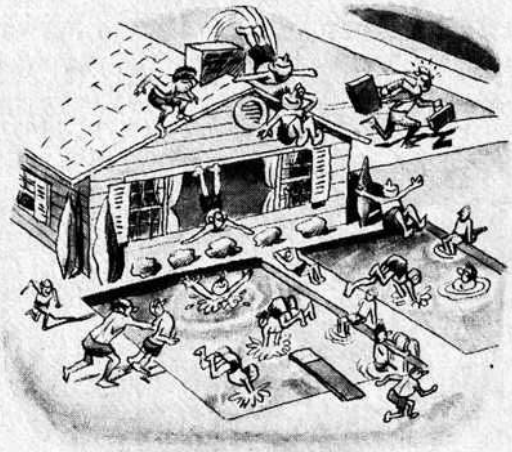
Buy 10 boxes of Brandex Tissues (at our usually ridiculous price) and receive a rebate of $2.00 in cash and a free nosehair from a stage, screen or TV star. Now, there's a deal worth nosing into!

Have any *NEVERLAST* Swimming Pool installed in your backyard by April and receive a rebate of $500 good towards the purchase of a second pool for your yard.

Now, you don't have to be a one-pool family like the Jones' any longer.

You can turn this:

Into this:



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Order before midnight tonight!
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the top name in inferior slacks is out to increase sales with this amazing rebate offer:

Buy any pair of Sleezy Slacks and the cashier will give you a cash rebate of 38¢ and the left leg of any other Sleezy Slack on the rack.

What a deal—you've said our inferior slacks wear out too quickly at the knee, well now (with this great deal)—when the left leg goes, sew your rebate on and you'll have an almost new pair of slacks. (You'll look a little weird, but if you hang out in dim light or awful neighborhoods, no one will even know the difference.)

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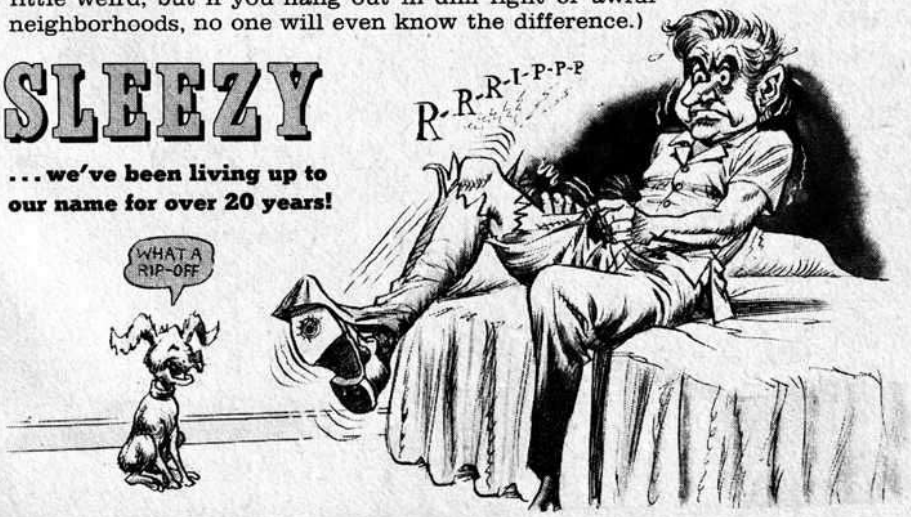

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(in business for over 11 months)

dares the competition to match this offer!!

With every date you order by November 10th, receive a rebate of one free phone number from our "Funny Folder File."

Enclosed in this file are the phone numbers of dates rejected by our computer a dozen or more times. We like to call them **"hard-to-place" dates**—you might have another name for them; like creeps, mama's-boys or dogs.

But, you'll never know what you might have found, unless you act today!

A Perfect Match

THE LOOK OUT EMPLOYMENT AGENCY

can get you a job—

All we ask of you is time, patience and a 10% rebate from your first year's salary.

RECEIVE 2 CAMELS*!!

When you stay at the fabulous, downtown Siesta Hilltown located on the world's largest beach . . . the beautiful, romantic SAHARA DESERT!

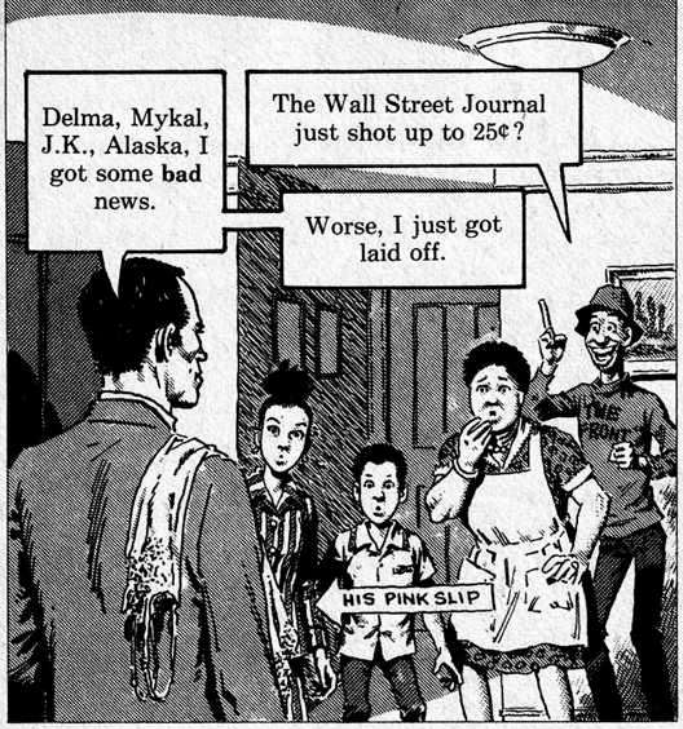
Enjoy a year-'round tan (not to mention the raptures of sun-poisoning, and excitement and exhaltation of dehydration.)

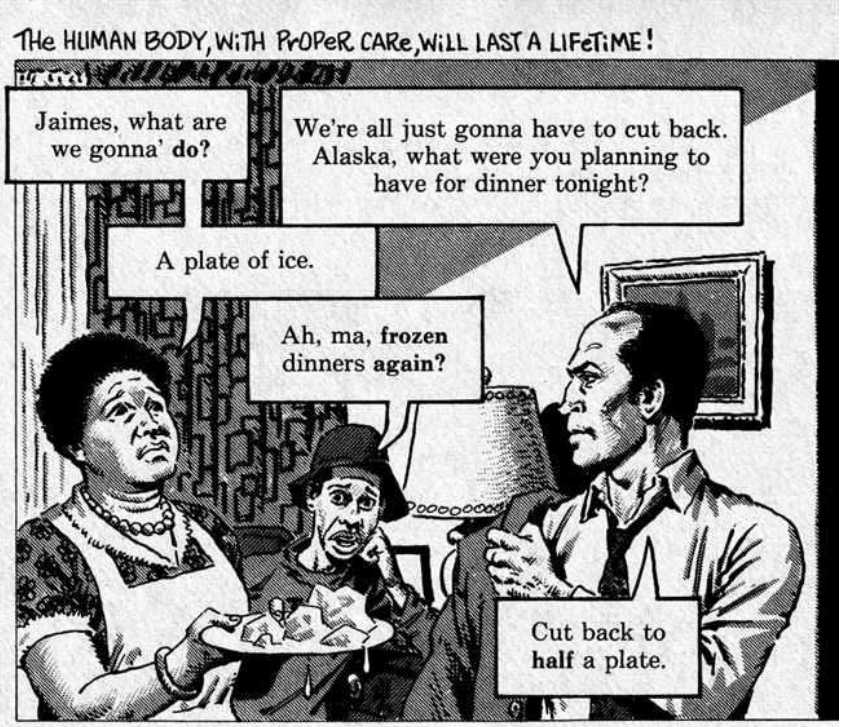
So come on across (with your money) and save!

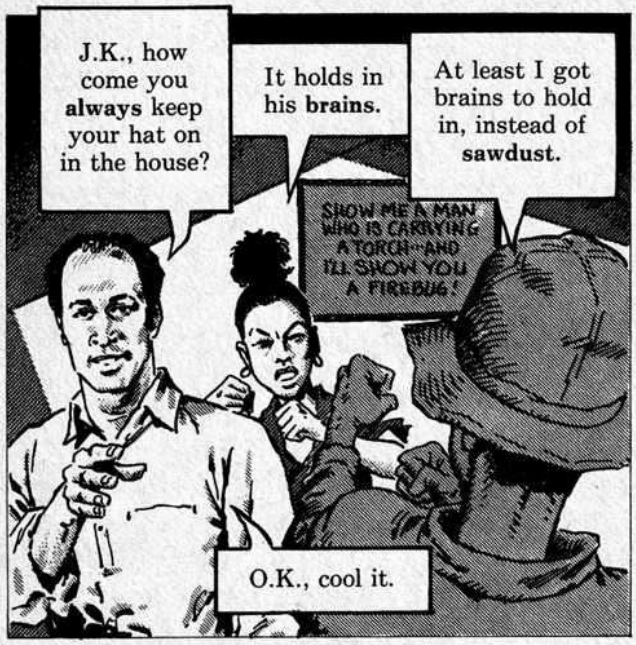
*guests must stay a minimum of 40 weeks to qualify for rebate!

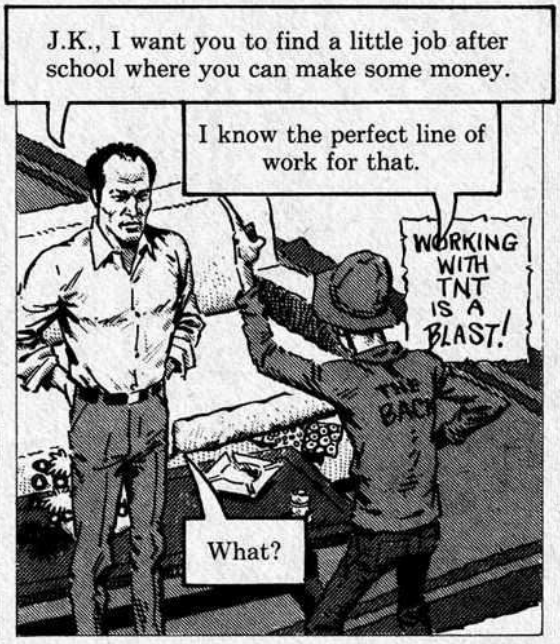
There's currently a program on the tube that every week proves poverty is fun and that no matter how bad the present seems, things will soon get brighter. As you can see, this is another one of those ridiculous fairy tale, half-hour situation comedies that's supposed to mirror real life. Yup, it can only be that Tuesday night, pulpy, Pollyanna program entitled

GOOD TYMES

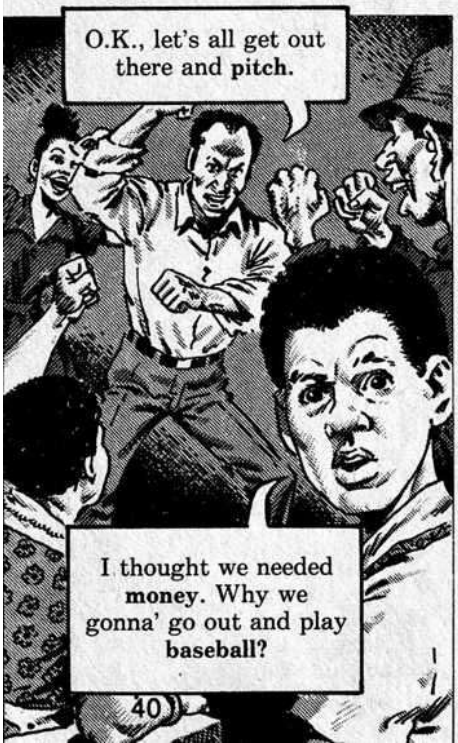

Delma, Mykal, J.K., Alaska, I got some **bad** news.
The Wall Street Journal just shot up to 25¢?
Worse, I just got laid off.
HIS PINK SLIP

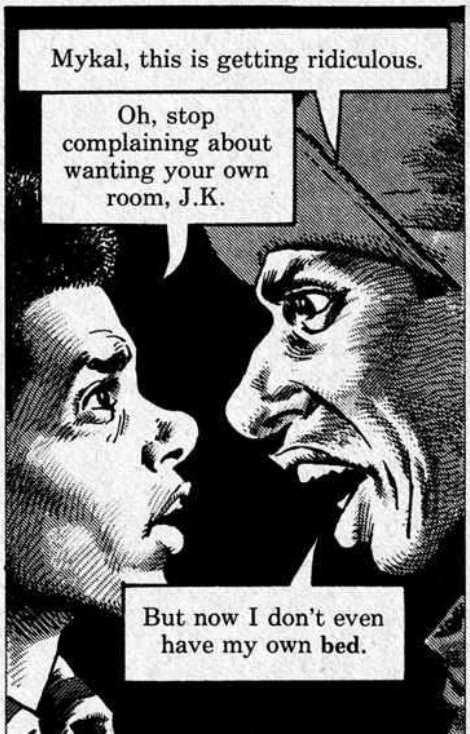

THE HUMAN BODY, WITH PROPER CARE, WILL LAST A LIFETIME!
Jaimes, what are we gonna' **do?**
We're all just gonna have to cut back. Alaska, what were you planning to have for dinner tonight?
A plate of ice.
Ah, ma, **frozen** dinners **again?**
Cut back to **half** a plate.


J.K., how come you **always** keep your hat on in the house?
It holds in his **brains.**
At least I got brains to hold in, instead of **sawdust.**
SHOW ME A MAN WHO IS CARRYING A TORCH--AND I'LL SHOW YOU A FIREBUG!
O.K., cool it.

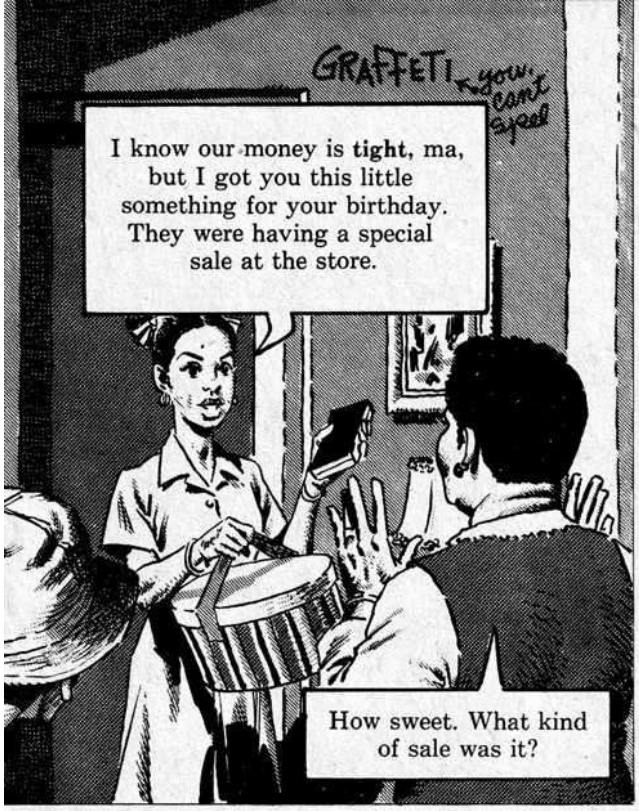

J.K., I want you to find a little job after school where you can make some money.
I know the perfect line of work for that.
WORKING WITH TNT IS A BLAST!
What?

Counterfeiting.

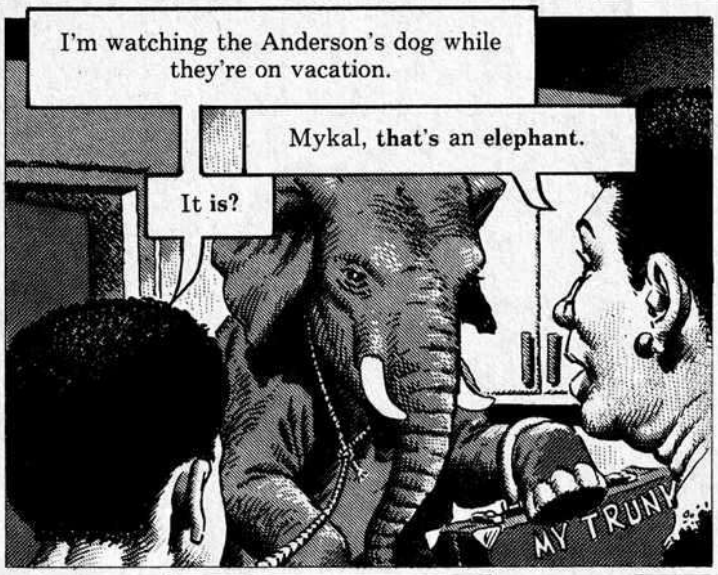

O.K., let's all get out there and **pitch.**
I thought we needed **money.** Why we gonna' go out and play **baseball?**

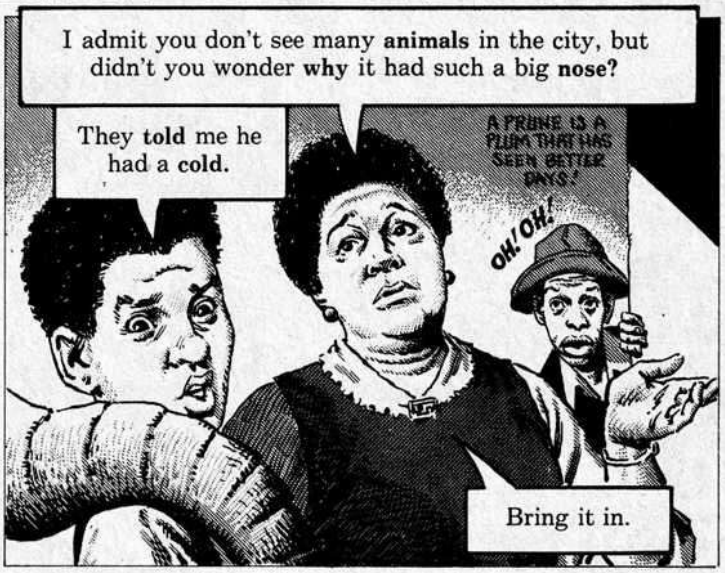

Mykal, this is getting ridiculous.
Oh, stop complaining about wanting your own room, J.K.
But now I don't even have my own **bed.**

Shut up. Mama is getting 75¢ a **head** from these **people.**
A LOAFER IS SOMEONE WHO TRIES TO MAKE BOTH WEEKENDS MEET!


GRAFFETI you can't spell
I know our money is **tight**, ma, but I got you this little something for your birthday. They were having a special sale at the store.
How sweet. What kind of sale was it?

A **fire** sale!
more Graffeti you still can't spell
Hey, everybody, I may only be 12, but I found a way to pitch in and help.
How's **that?**
THE MODERN HOUSEWIFE PUTS OFF TODAY WHAT HER HUSBAND CAN DO OVER THE WEEKEND!


I'm watching the Anderson's dog while they're on vacation.
Mykal, **that's** an **elephant.**
It **is?**
MY TRUNK

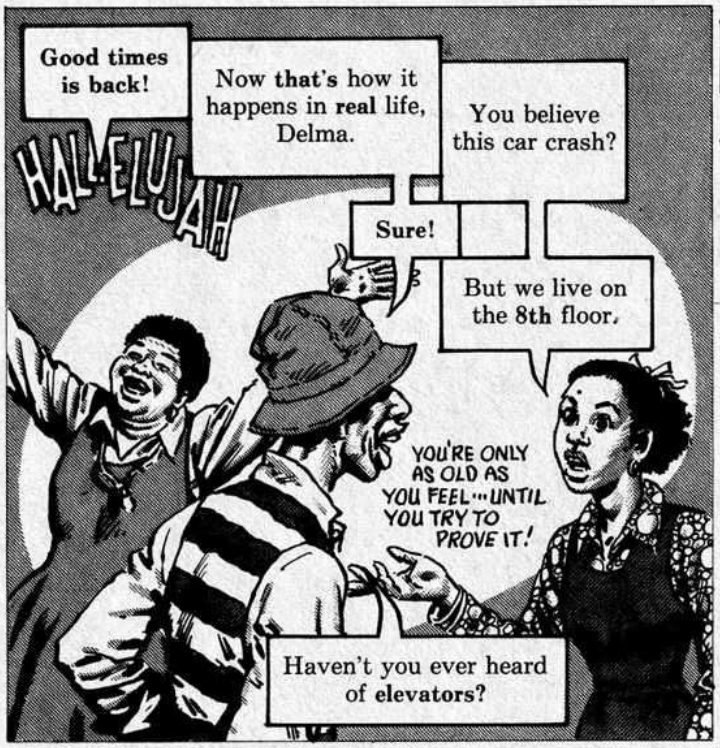

I admit you don't see many **animals** in the city, but didn't you wonder **why** it had such a big **nose?**
They **told** me he had a **cold.**
A PRUNE IS A PLUM THAT HAS SEEN BETTER DAYS!
OH! OH!
Bring it in.

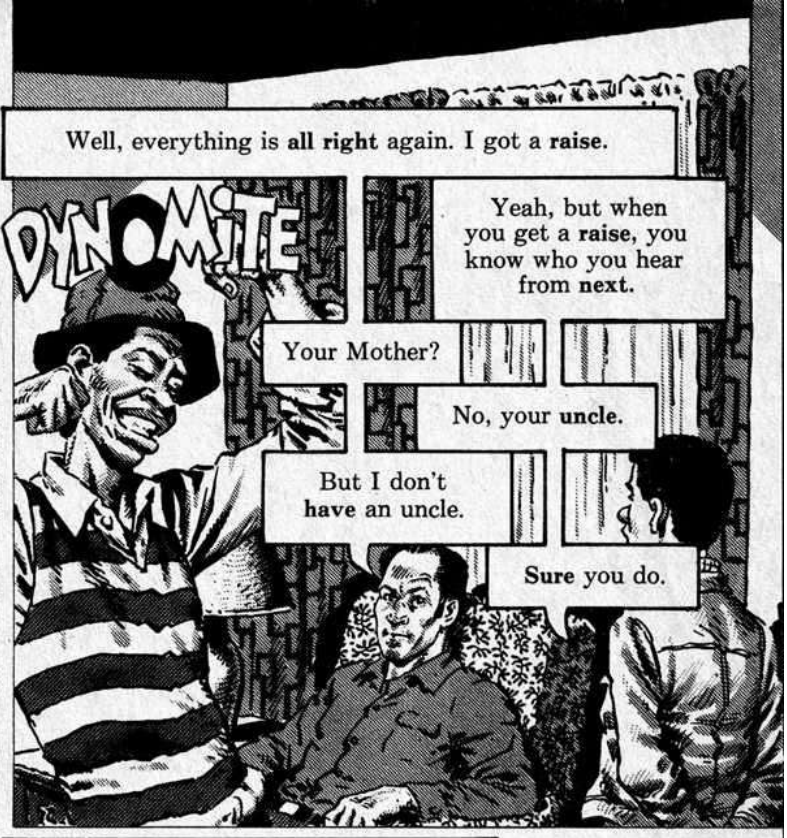
Now this is getting **ridiculous.**

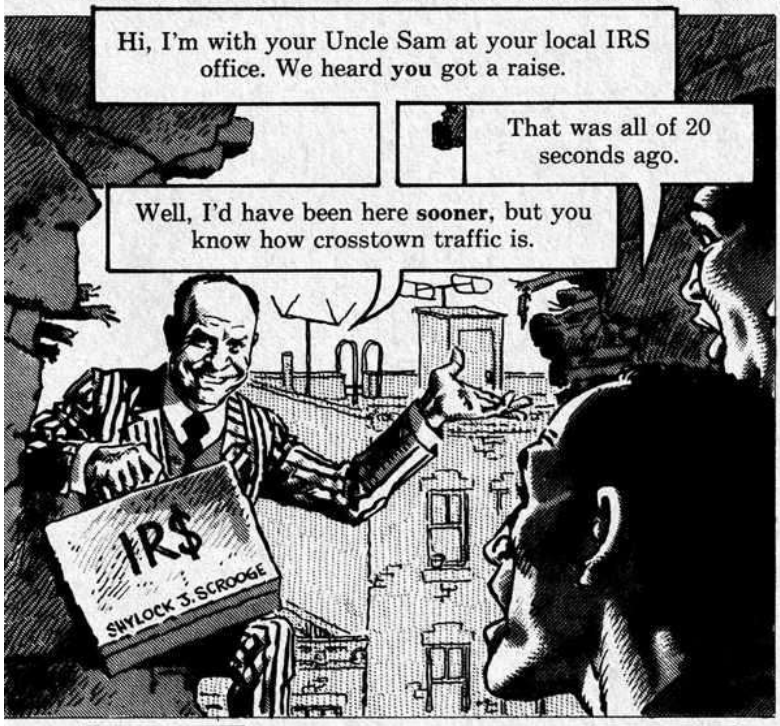
Hey, everybody, things are looking up. I found a job.
As **what?**
A **soda** jerk.
ON REPUBLICAN-ISM

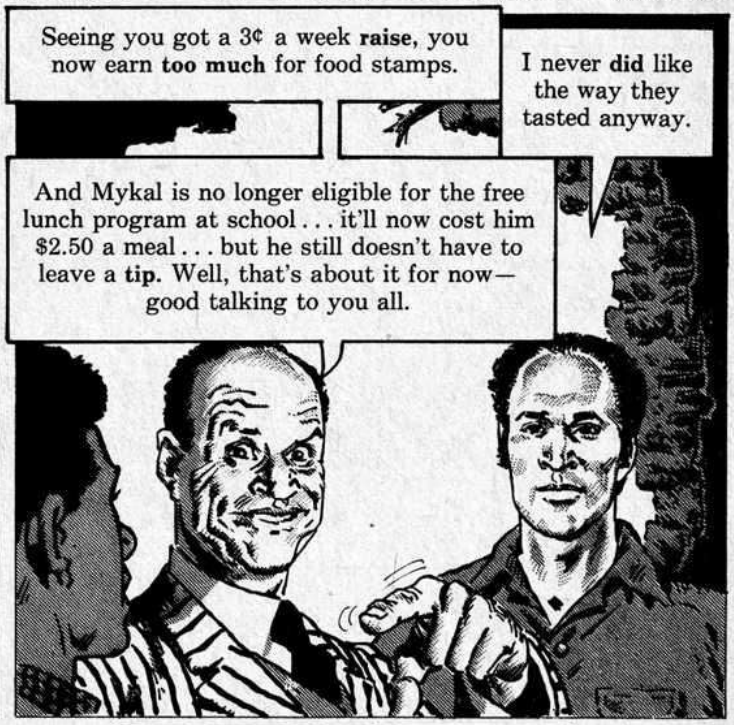
Well, you qualify for at least **half** the job.

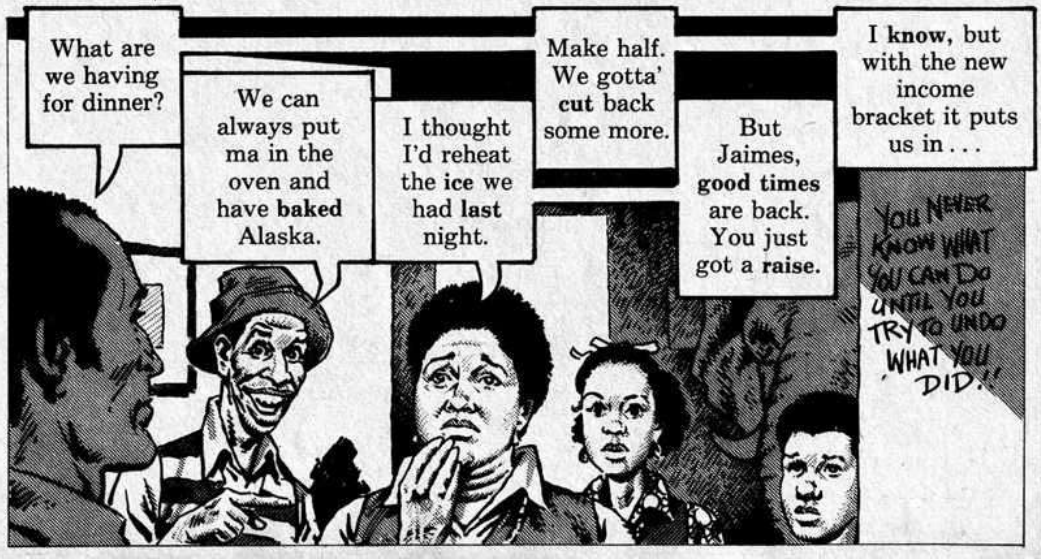
IF THE WORST IS YET TO COME ... WHY WORRY NOW?
And, Ma, on my way home from school I found this $50 bill.
DYNOMITE
We is rich! Now, I can have my bed back. We can move . . . get a car . . .
Mykal, where did you find this money?
OH! OH!
In some man's pocket.
That's stealing. We may be poor, but we're honest.
IF YOU CHANGE IT, ALL CHILDREN AND MOST WOMEN WILL THINK IT DOESN'T COST ANYTHING!
That's probably why we're poor.
You know, to bring in a few extra bucks, we should sell some of our old furniture.
Who in their right mind would want to buy this stuff?
KN-OCK KN-O-K
I heard you got some junk you wanna get rid of.
Dad, if you sell my bed, what am I gonna' sleep in?
How about your pajamas.
KERASH
Run for your life everyone! They finally decided where the new highway is going.
Sorry, folks, about the wall, but . . . Mr. Ebens! I was just coming over to see you.
About what?
There's been a terrible mistake. You shouldn't have been laid off . . . you should have gotten a raise.

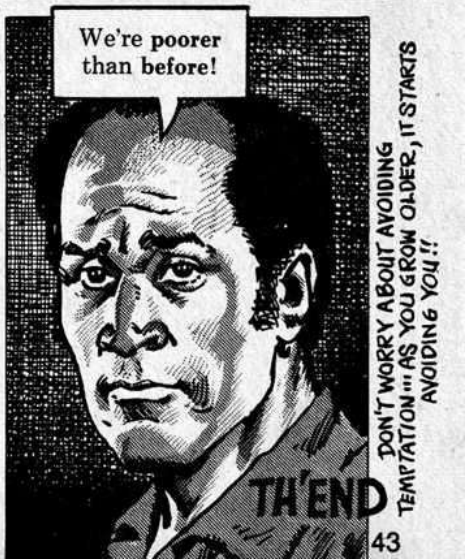

Good times is back!
HALLELUJAH
Now that's how it happens in real life, Delma.
You believe this car crash?
Sure!
But we live on the 8th floor.
YOU'RE ONLY AS OLD AS YOU FEEL ... UNTIL YOU TRY TO PROVE IT!
Haven't you ever heard of elevators?


Well, everything is all right again. I got a raise.
DYNOMITE
Yeah, but when you get a raise, you know who you hear from next.
Your Mother?
No, your uncle.
But I don't have an uncle.
Sure you do.


Hi, I'm with your Uncle Sam at your local IRS office. We heard you got a raise.
That was all of 20 seconds ago.
Well, I'd have been here sooner, but you know how crosstown traffic is.
IR$
SHYLOCK J. SCROOGE


Seeing you got a 3¢ a week raise, you now earn too much for food stamps.
I never did like the way they tasted anyway.
And Mykal is no longer eligible for the free lunch program at school . . . it'll now cost him $2.50 a meal . . . but he still doesn't have to leave a tip. Well, that's about it for now— good talking to you all.


What are we having for dinner?
We can always put ma in the oven and have baked Alaska.
I thought I'd reheat the ice we had last night.
Make half. We gotta' cut back some more.
But Jaimes, good times are back. You just got a raise.
I know, but with the new income bracket it puts us in . . .
YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU CAN DO UNTIL YOU TRY TO UNDO WHAT YOU DID!!


We're poorer than before!
TH'END
DON'T WORRY ABOUT AVOIDING TEMPTATION ... AS YOU GROW OLDER, IT STARTS AVOIDING YOU!!

Ever wonder what the world's first newspaper looked like? Well, you can stop wonderin' and start readin' this real stoned edition of....

LATEST ROCK-BOTTOM PRICES

PRE-HISTORIC NEWS

WEATHER: Mild Today Ice Age Tomorrow

—THE WORLD'S FIRST TABLOID— 1,000,000 B.C. (Before Cracked)

Political Front:

GRONK NAMED HEAD OF STONYROCK TRIBE

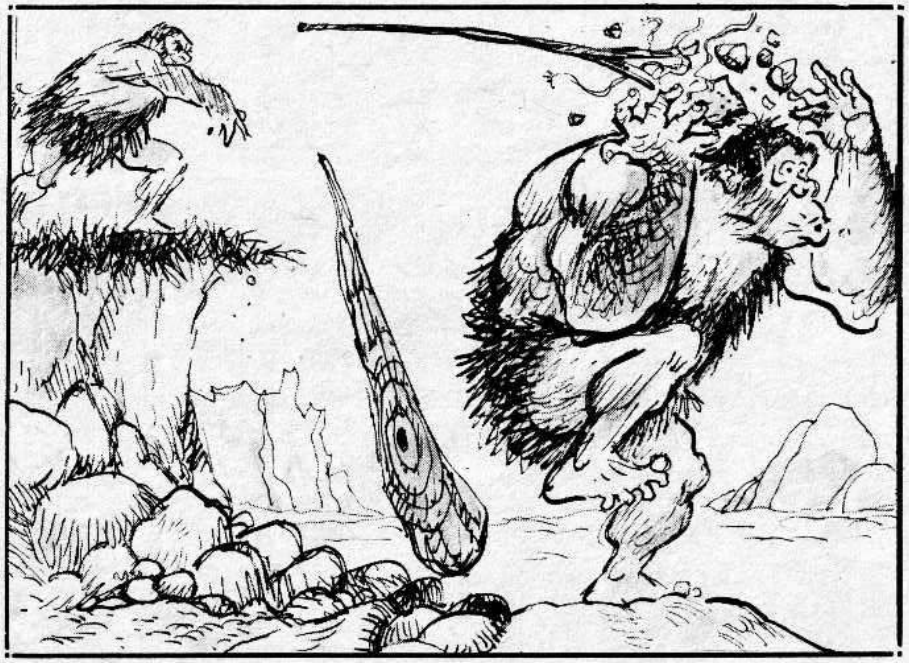
The Stonyrock Government took a harsh political turn yesterday, as Gronk officially became the leader of the tribe, defeating his opponent, the encumbent Oog, in a very close race. Funeral services for Oog will be conducted in the morning.

Gronk's great excitement following the victory, was clearly illustrated by his 'outbreak of joy' witnessed by some forty onlookers, all of whom are now resting comfortably at the Stonyrock General Medicine Cave.

Gronk announced that he was going to effect immediate changes in tribal policy. Asked to elaborate on just what his administration intended to do, he replied: "I plan to lower the hunting age, and completely abolish spear control!"

Local Flash:

CAVEMAN ZONKED BY FLYING SPEAR



Grog, a member of the Big Drag Cannibal Tribe, was seriously injured by a spear thrown by Ab, also of the tribe, during a hunting expedition yesterday. Ab said he was attempting to hit a pterodactyl, flying directly above him, but somehow threw his spear wildly. "I was pretty angry," commented Ab, "as hunting had been lousy! Fact is, I hadn't speared a thing all day! I was really upset about it, because I have a big, hungry family to feed!"

Asked why Grog had not been taken to the tribal medicine man, the cannibal hunter merely repeated: "Like I tell you, I have a big, hungry family to feed!"

Entertainment Report:

Art World:

the outbreak of joy witnessed by some Trol.

Sports Scene:

ARCHER BAGS 3-TON HAIRY MAMMOTH

The Mighty Mammoth season opened today and all of last year's big hunters were on hand, trying to win the grand prize presented annually for the largest animal captured. The award this year included a complete collection of multi-purpose tools, care of "Rocks Unlimited," and a modern spring wardrobe, compliments of "Skins Incorporated." The competition was stiff all the way, but the low-rated Garf, a first-year man, took all the honours by dragging in a 3-ton hairy mammoth he bagged with a bow-and-arrow.

When asked how he was able to down such a big beast with such a puny weapon, Garf explained: "Well, I had the element of surprise in my favor!"

NEANDERTHAL MADMAN ESCAPES

As this issue went to chisel, the most insane maniac in the known world, Sylv P. Smyt, escaped from the Crazy Cave, where he was being held.

Smyt was in the institution because of a decidedly idiotic act, he performed some time ago.

"Smyt can definitely be considered dangerous!," said Crazy Cave Director Glob. "Not that he'd hurt anybody, but he may try to mentally infect them with these tablets he keeps making. He has the absurd idea that he can make people laugh at them, yet there isn't any writing on them at all. They are just **CRACKED!**"

We all hope that Smyt can be captured before he, or any of his descendants, are allowed to carry on this peculiar practice! HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MANIAC?

Entertainment Report:

NEW ROCK GROUP HIT OF CONCERT

A musical star exploded last night as the newest group in town, the Granite Five, thrilled the capacity crowd at the Cave Inn with their hard and heavy sounds. The Five, led by Zaq on lead boulder, and featuring Kru on second stone, Yit and Yut on the sticks, and Las on the pebbles, heard nothing but applause from the audience, made up mostly of hard rock fans.

The leader of the group, Zaq, who was originally with Oot and the Twigbangers, told interviewers: "They were a great audience! When we played our first number, they gave us a standing ovation! After our second, they rose and cheered wildly. And after our third song they were so enthusiastic, they stoned us!"

Art World:

CAVE PAINTER GIVES ONE-MAN SHOW

Disappointment is the only way to describe the 2nd annual showing of the latest works of Jur, held last night in Undermountain. Critics agreed that his buffalo, horse, and dog exhibits were practically identical to last year's paintings. Asked why he hadn't tried to diversify his works this year, Jur replied: "What else is there to paint besides buffalos, horses and dogs?" The guests in attendance admitted that they were nice to look at, but doubted if these cave-wall creations would survive for long in the ever-changing art world.

Weather Forecast:

COLD WAVE EXPECTED AS GLACIERS APPEAR

Pull your bear-skins tight and build up that fire in your cave—winter is on its way! The weatherman is calling for about 900,000 years of glacial advance, now being referred to in the trade as the "ICE AGE." Asked if he thought this frigid weather would drastically affect anything, Zorg, the prophetic weather bureau chief replied: 'Definitely not. And the beauty part is, we're now guaranteed snow for the next 900,000 Christmases!'

O.K. sports fans! Time once again for another manual, chock-full of how-to facts and information, all centered around one of America's favorite sports. So, get yer peanuts...get yer popcorn...and get yer

CRACKED GUIDE TO BASEBALL

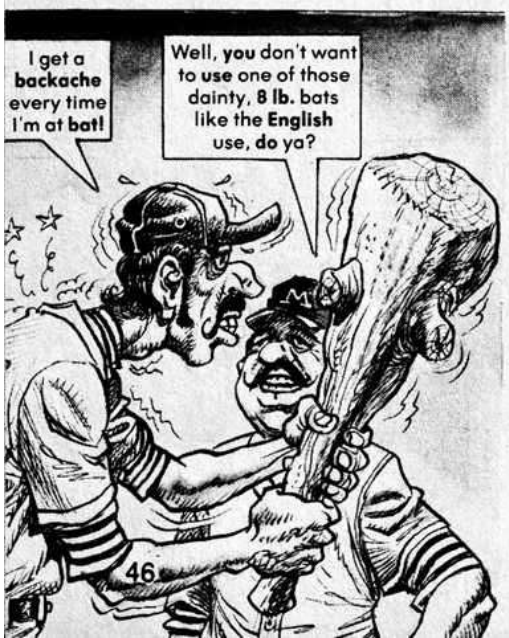
HISTORY:
Before getting into the how-to's, let us take a brief look at where the game originated.

The game of baseball dates back to prehistoric times. Although the rules were the same, the equipment used then was much more primitive.

Around 1330, the English revived the sport, calling it "stool ball." The object was to hit the ball before the ball struck your stool.

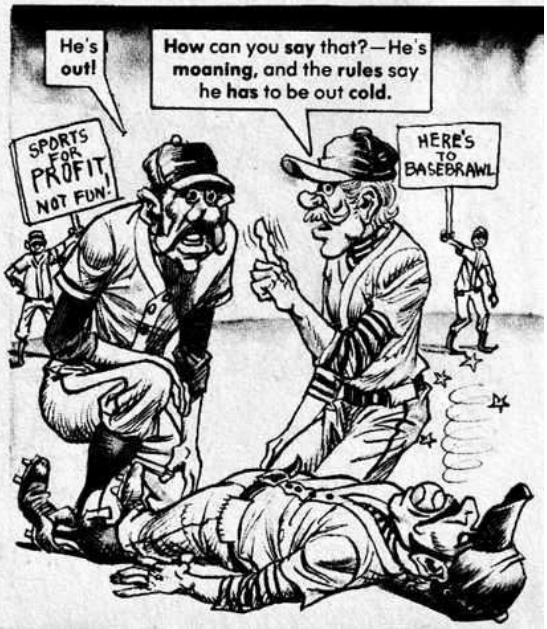
Later, stool ball evolved into the English game of "cricket."

Along with other English imports, the game then came to America, but with a difference in equipment.



But, as more and more players became injured, a different bat was substituted.

Early pioneer rules said that for a player 'to be out', he had to be just that. This caused problems.

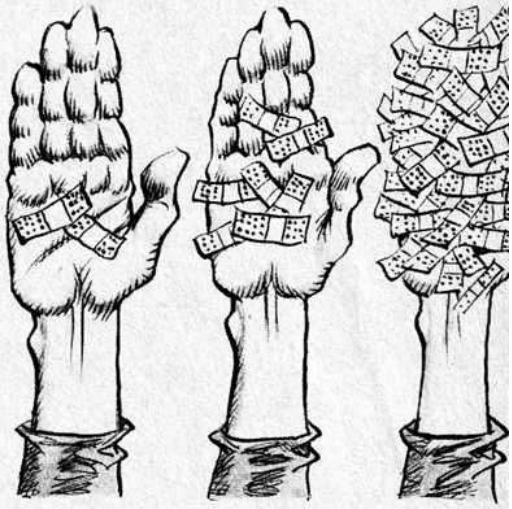


To avoid players arguing with each other, the umpire was introduced into the game.

Now, the players argue with him.

At first, player's didn't use gloves.

But, as the game progressed, a protective covering sort of grew around the player's hand.



Today, baseball is one of America's safest and most popular sports. Let us now take an in-depth look at what the game is all abou

GENERAL PLAYING RULES

Baseball is played with a bat and a ball, by two teams, each having nine players.

The object is to hit the ball...

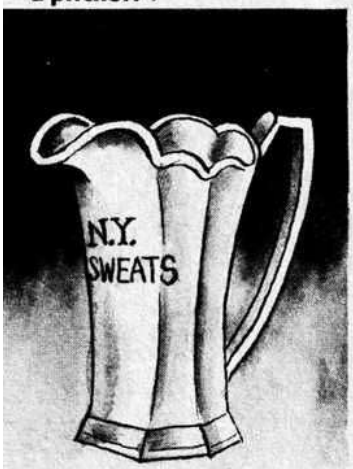
and try to reach home.

Each time you reach the plate, you score.

THE DEFENSIVE PLAYING POSITIONS

Let us now take a look at the defensive playing positions and describe what each position's function is.

First, and foremost, every team must have a pitcher. .

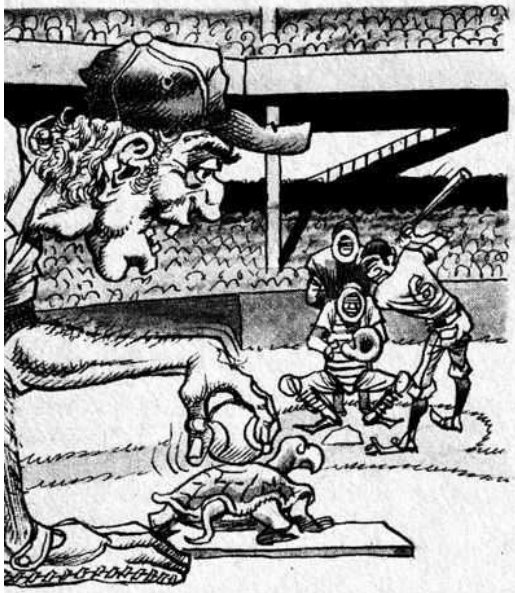


This is so the players can always get something to drink.

Besides the water pitcher, the team also needs a baseball pitcher. Most classify their pitches in three groups: The fast ball...

...the change-of-pace ball...

...and the slow ball.



Even pitchers with the best control, will throw a wild one now & then.

When this happens, a good team will always have a consistent pitcher ready in the bullpen.

Opposite the pitcher, is the catcher—who discreetly signals what type of pitch he thinks is best against the batter up.

It is also up to the catcher to be alert at all times. For, if a base runner is getting ready to steal, he has to know what to do.

The job of the first baseman is, of course, to cover first base.

When there is a runner on first, he tries to hold him as close to the base as possible.

The job of the second baseman varies. When there is no runner on first, you might find him playing the field.

However, when there is a runner on first, a double play is always possible, so the second baseman should hug the base.

CRACKED is watching a tennis match without moving your head.

The shortstop has two important jobs. One is to alert the outfield when a ball is coming their way...

...and the second and more important, occurs when a runner is going from second to third.

Since many line-drives are hit down the third base line, players here have tried various methods of making sure the ball doesn't pass them.

Likewise, this being the final turn before home, the third baseman will try anything to keep the runner from advancing any further.

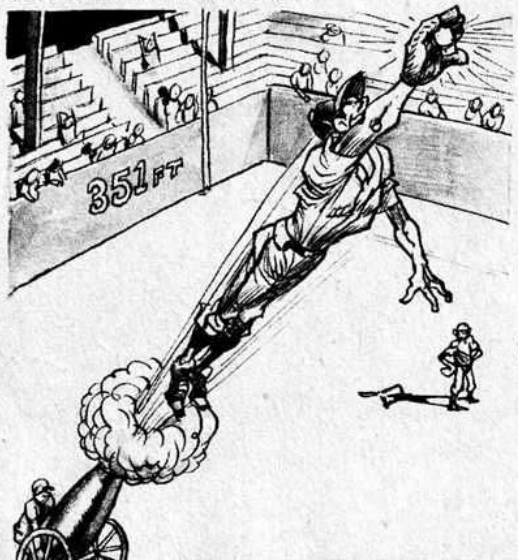
The basic job of the outfielder is to catch flies of all types. Long and high...

...and even pop flies.

Although an outfielder does not participate in every play, the most spectacular catches are often made in this position as fielders try anything to get a ball—

everything from teamwork...

...to clever inventiveness.



Of course, there is always the danger of two fielders going for the same fly ball and colliding. So, a very simple thing is done. When in doubt...nobody goes for it!

BATTING GRIPS

Now that we've explained the job of each man, let us show you some of the batting grips used by the offensive players.

Many hit by holding the bat at the handle...

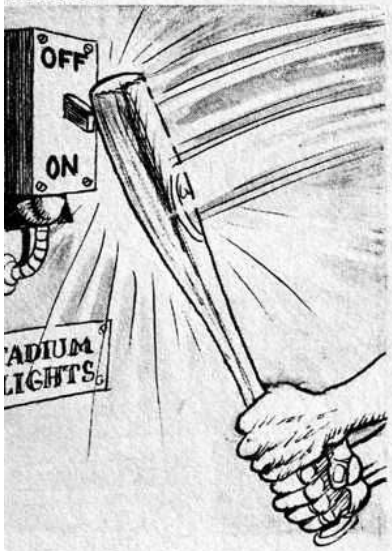
...while some like to choke up on the bat.

Some players hit lefty, while others hit righty...

MISCELLANEOUS KNOWLEDGE

And lastly, before we end this guide, let us give you some worthwhile miscellaneous information.

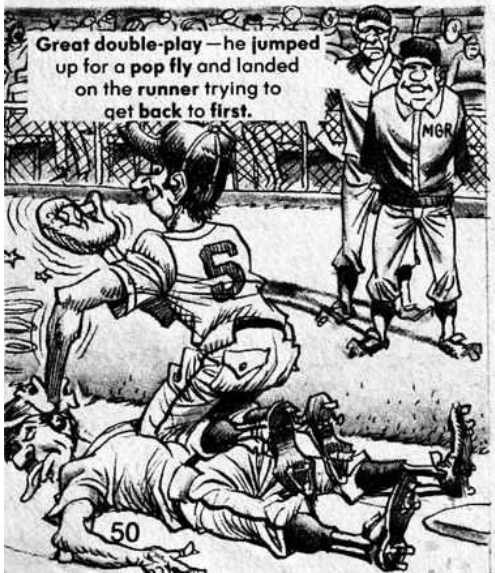
And still others are switch hitters.



Besides the major leagues, there are the minors, where players perfect their skills on farm teams.

When a player moves up from the minors, he has rookie written all over him.

When two players are put out at once, this is called a double-play.



And this is what is known as a force play.

Lastly, fielding and hitting should be learned by all players, but the most important thing a baseball player should learn, is how to enunciate. For this will help him make the big money.

CRACKED is the plumber looking at Niagara Falls and saying: "Give me time and I can fix it!" . . .

With summer upon us, everybody will soon be talking about the weather but nobody will be doing anything about it. Nobody except CRACKED, that is—which at least offers some heated comments as it jumps the gun on what

SUMMER IS...

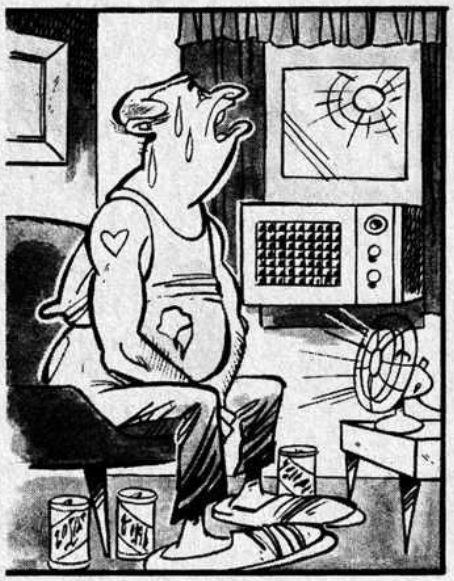
SUMMER is when your next-door neighbor brings back your **snow shovel** and borrows your **lawn-mower!**

SUMMER is when you start keeping your **house** as **cold** as it was in **winter** when you **complained** about it!

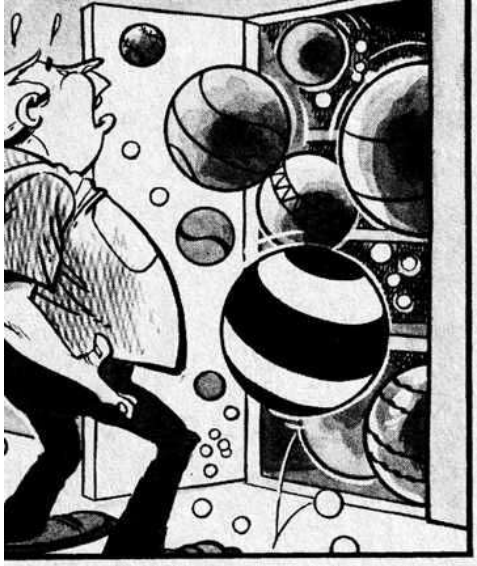
SUMMER is when it's too **hot** to do all the **things** it was too **cold** to do during the winter!

SUMMER is when it's so **hot** that **cows** start giving **evaporated** milk!

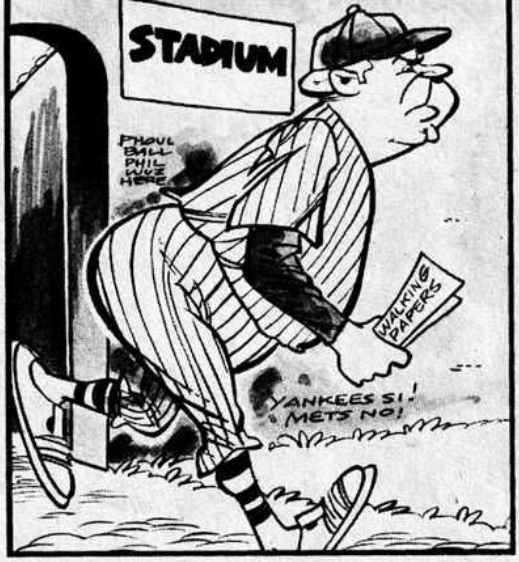
SUMMER is when there's practically **nothing** on the radio, TV, the stage or **gals!**



SUMMER is when the repairman **refuses** to come fix your **air-conditioner** because it's too **hot** in your **apartment!**



SUMMER is when it's the **ball** season: base, tennis, golf and **moth!**

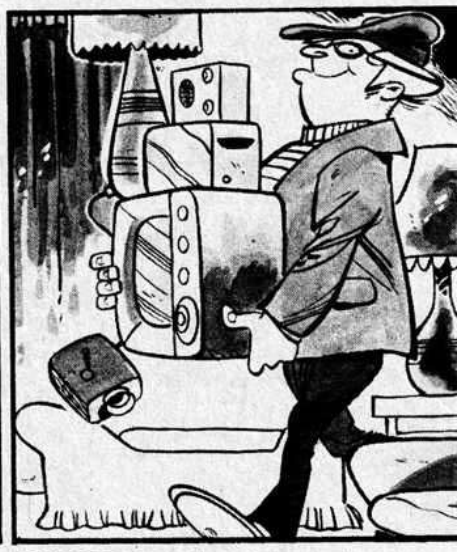


SUMMER is just before **trees** start shedding their **leaves,** but about the time **baseball** clubs start shedding their **managers!**

SUMMER is when you come back from your **vacation** and then rest **up** on your daily **job!**

SUMMER is when you sit **bumper-to-bumper** driving to the **beach** where you sit all **day,** also **bumper-to-bumper!**

SUMMER is when neighbors **return** your bottle of cough **medicine** and borrow your **sun-tan lotion!**



SUMMER is when it's so hot that **burglars** and **thieves** only break into air-conditioned **apartments!**

SUMMER is when you try to get into **last** summer's bathing **suit** only it **just** doesn't work out—**or on!**

SUMMER is losing **weight** just by walking down the **street**—even though you're already **skinny!**

SUMMER is when you spend $1200 for a **beach** cottage and all summer **long** you're bothered by pests like **insects** and **relatives!**

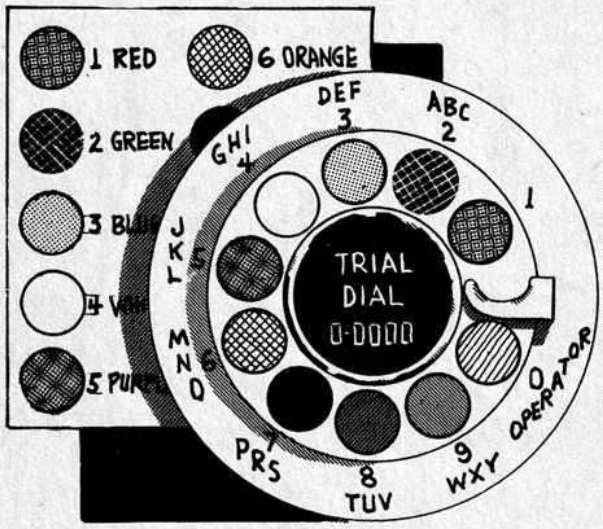
CRACKED is having your swimming pool burn down . . .

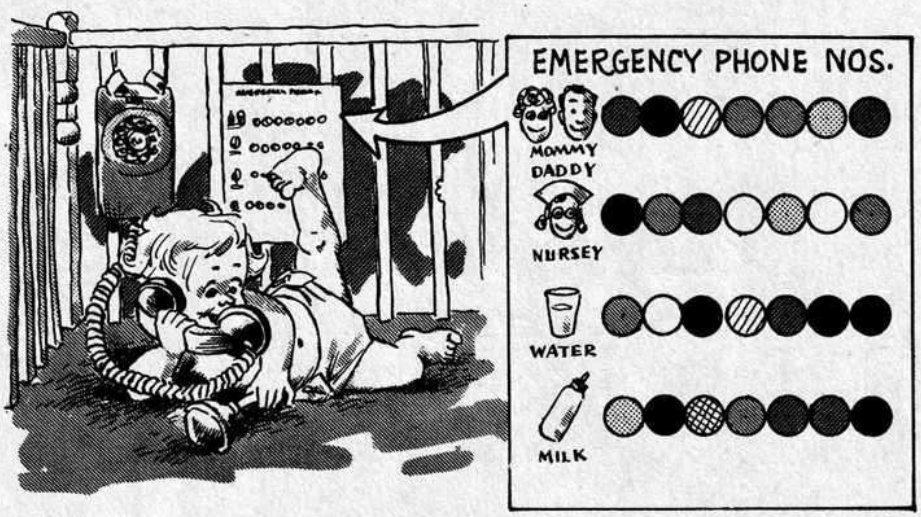
Lately, phone companies have made numerous attempts to acquire new business, but their products and advertising have been aimed at the adult market for the most part. We regard this as wasted effort, and we here at CRACKED qualify as great experts on wasted effort. (Each issue of our magazine attests to that!) Everyone knows that the chief users of phones today are the under-20 set, and it's to this age group that phone companies should gear most of their products and advertising. To show you what we mean, here are our tips for . . .

PHONE SERVICES FOR TOTS and TEENS

Phone companies can strike a veritable bonanza by offering the following services to the under-20 set.

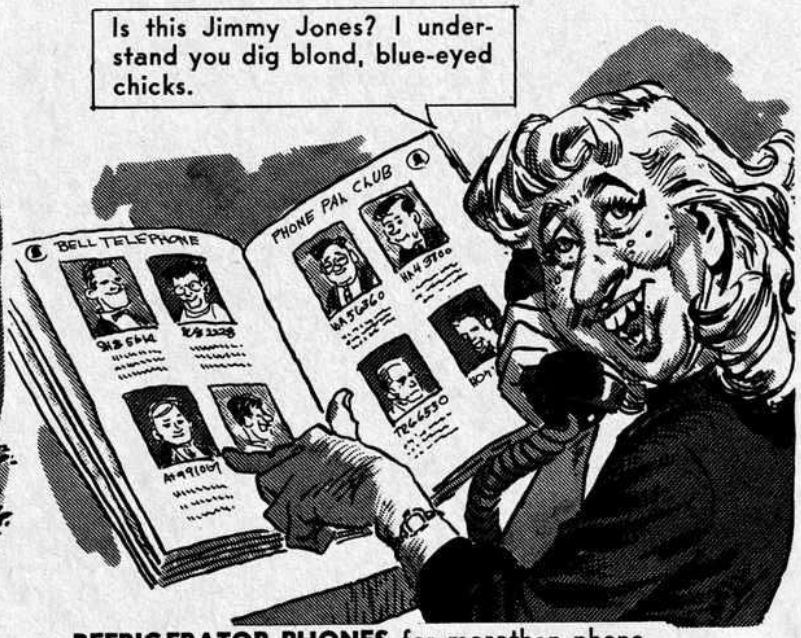
COLOR DIAL SETS for kids who are too young to distinguish numbers.





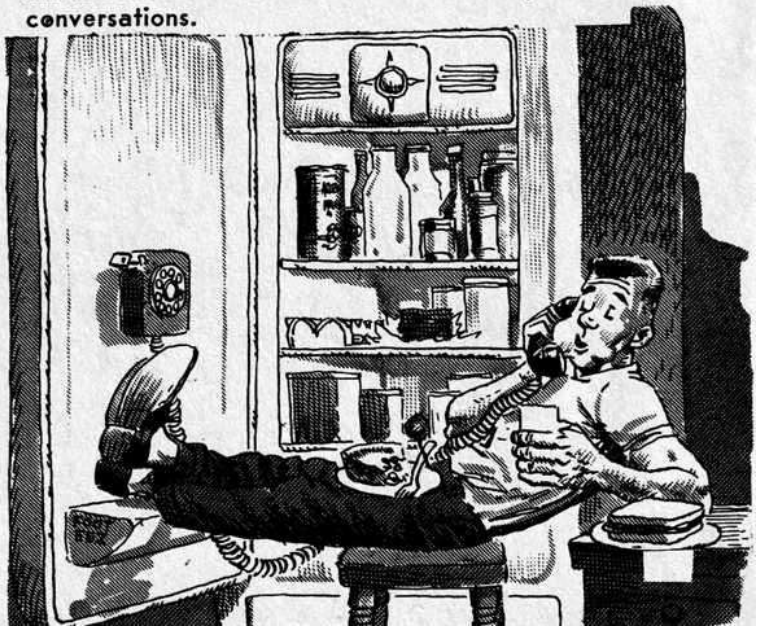
POCKETBOOK PHONES to take care of every emergency.

PHONE PAL CLUBS to supplement pen pal clubs.



EXTRA LONG EXTENSIONS to insure privacy for sensitive teens.

REFRIGERATOR PHONES for marathon phone conversations.

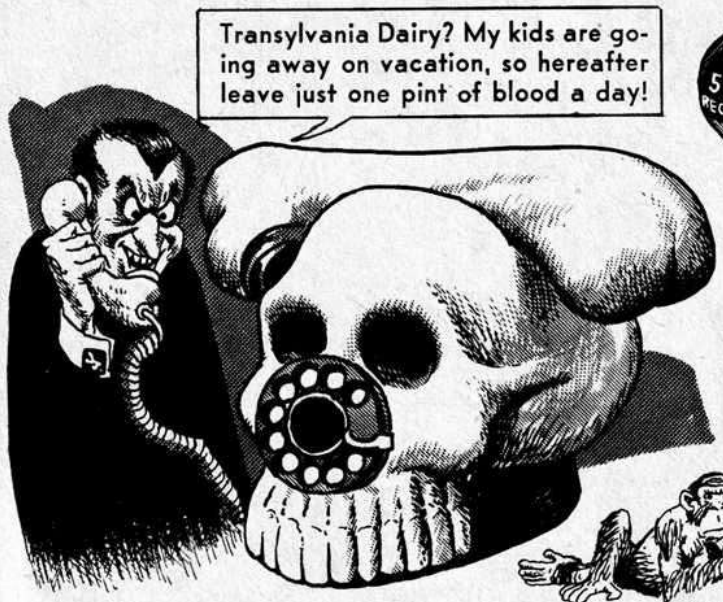


Phone companies would do well to design phones with special appeal for the younger set.

DONALD DUCK PHONE FOR SUB-TEENERS

WESTERN FAN PHONE

MONSTER FAN PHONE



HEALTH FADDIST PHONE

Phone permits owner to get in plenty of exercise during call.

MEDIC FAN PHONE

ELIOT NESS-TYPE PHONE

Phone comes equipped with straw hat and double-breasted suit. Over 500,000 of these phones available (all slightly used!).

In their advertising, phone companies should encourage youngsters to use the phone more often (not that they really need such encouragement) by offering under-the-table rates to kids who run up the biggest phone bills.

Teen-agers! . . . Be the first in your neighborhood to play this exciting, new game.

TELEPHONE ROULETTE

As you probably know, the **new, long distance code system** permits you to call almost anywhere on the globe. So we at the Ball Telephone System office thought of a kookie new game for you kids to play. The rules are simple.

1. Blindfolded contestants take turns dialing any ten numbers on the phone.
2. The contestant who makes the most distant call wins the game.

To help you play this game you'll want our free booklet

50 SUGGESTIONS ON WHERE TO HIDE WHEN DADDY GETS THE PHONE BILL!

RING A DING DING — WE HAVE THE DING DONG

Have a ball with the Ball Telephone System

The greatest area for expanding phone service lies within the schools. It is here that youngsters spend almost half of their waking (the word is used loosely) hours. School authorities should have no objections to phones being installed at every desk, once the following advantages are pointed out:

Students in the last rows of even the largest classrooms will now be able to recite with ease.

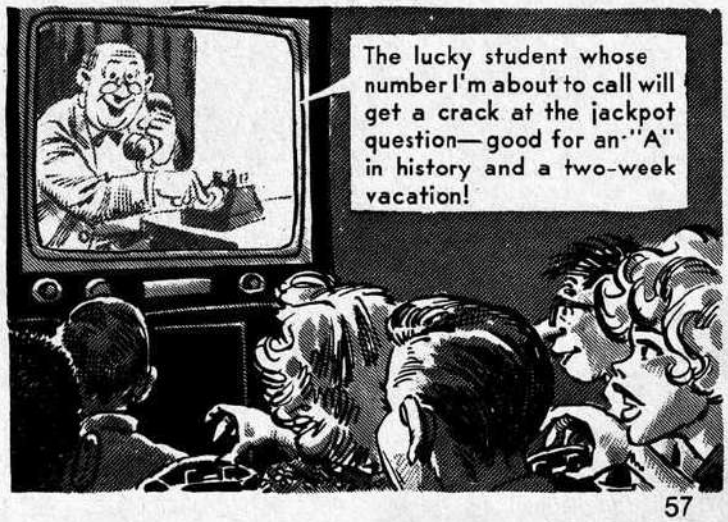
The annoying practice of passing notes will be eliminated.

Unruly students can be immediately connected to the principal's office for instant disciplinary action.

Hooky playing and malingering can be eliminated by bringing school phones right into the absent student's home.

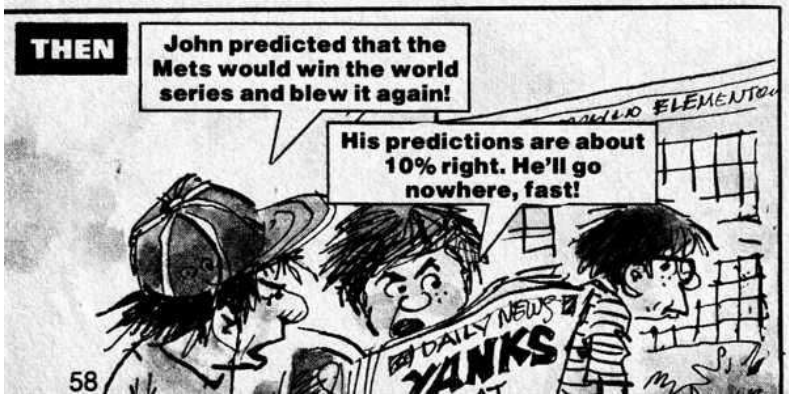
The school phone will eliminate the evil practice of copying another student's exam . . . Cheating students will now be able to call home for answers.

The school phone combined with the TV classroom can make for interesting combinations.



When you're little, everybody from parents to teachers to friends, is making predictions about what you'll probably be when you get older. However, 9 times out of 10, those predictions are usually wrong. Yup. Remember all the kids you started out with in first grade? Wouldn't it be interesting to locate them once again and answer the age-old reunion question:

WHERE



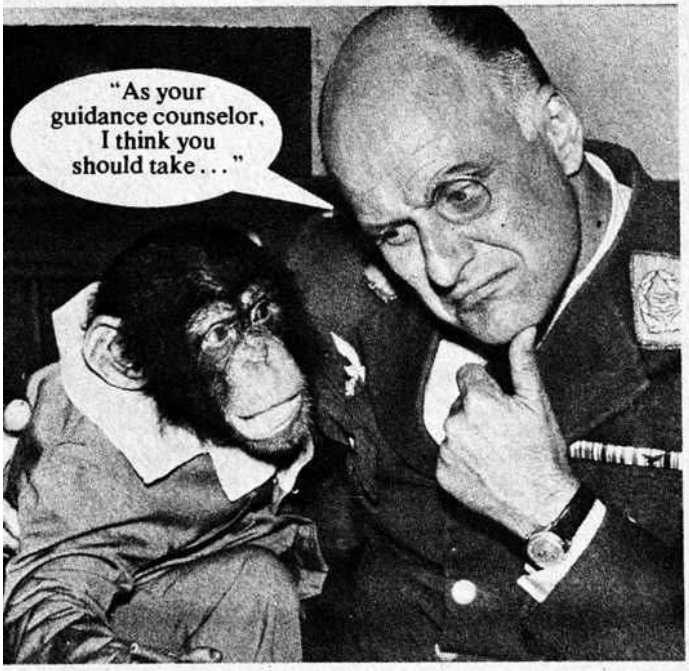
ARE THEY NOW?

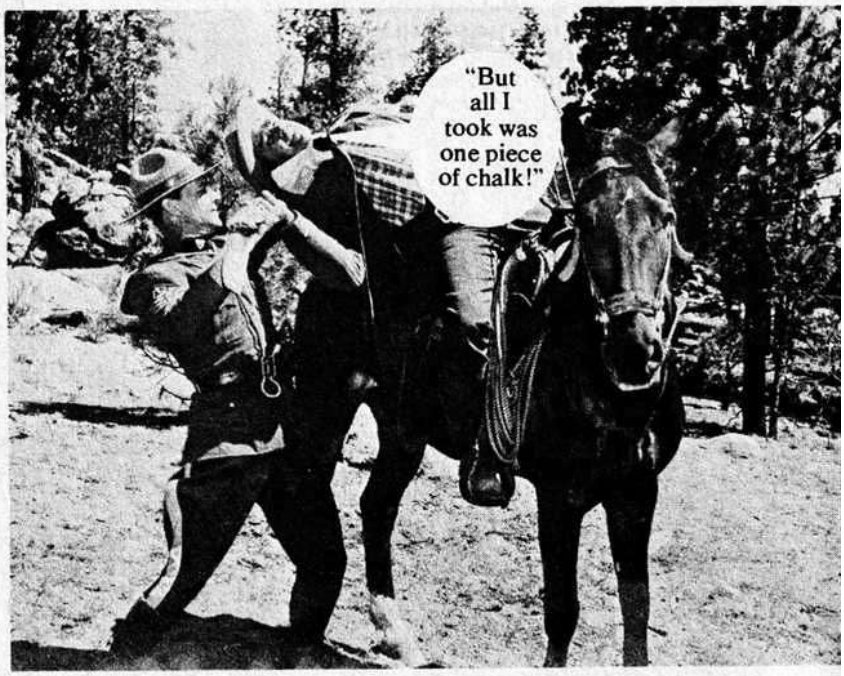
THEN
Watch it, Mary!
All you do is spill things all over the place!
CAFETERIA
NOW
THEN
You're so good with the printing presses here at the school paper, I bet you're gonna make a great journalist someday, Billy Bleyer.
10
ALLEN SCHOOL NEWS
NOW
20
THEN
Jenny Klingwiper has such a big mouth! She's always tattling on us!
92
NOW
HEDA POPPA GOSSIPS
THEN
That creepy Tommy Tinti, took my milk! Someday he's gonna make a great thief!
PICNIC AREA
NOW
DIPLOMA
SENATOR THOMAS N. TINTI
WASHINGTON, D.C.

JUST KIDDING AROUND SECTION:

There goes the bell! Time for the CRACKED School of Advanced Laughs to come to order as we present some common school situations...

ADOLT EDUCATION!





Today's movies are supposed to be more realistic than the ones in the 50's and 60's. After all—everyone can easily identify with the characters in "The Poseidon Adventure"—right? and we've all had similar experiences to what James Bond went through in "Live and Let Die"—like running across alligators—correct? We just wish everyday events were like these! Want some more examples? Well then, come along with us now as CRACKED explores what it would be like . . .

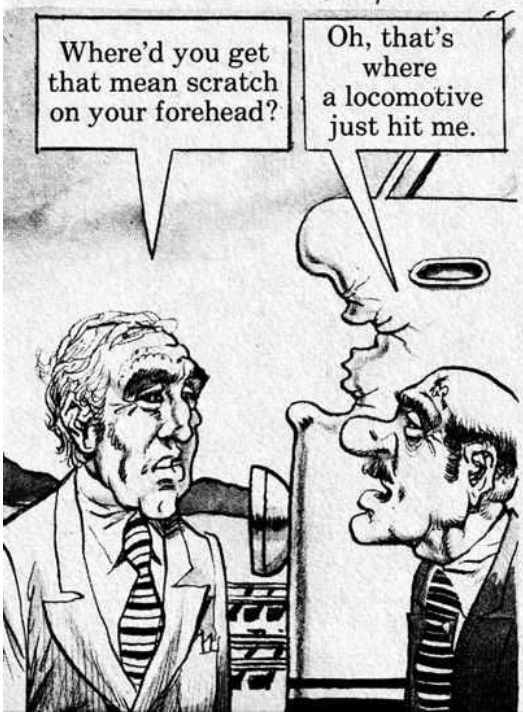
If Real Life Were Like The Movies

IF REAL LIFE WERE LIKE THE MOVIES, at breakfast your wife would look like Cybil Shepherd instead of King Kong . . .

. . . only one aspirin tablet would fall from the bottle at the time that you're shaking it . . .

. . . and every time you broke into song, a 48-piece orchestra would begin playing in the background . . .

IF REAL LIFE WERE LIKE THE MOVIES, all your bruises would heal instantaneously . . .



. . . you'd always be able to find a seat in a restaurant no matter how mobbed it was . . .

. . . and no matter how much of a clod you are, you'd be certain to be a success overnight . . .

IF REAL LIFE WERE LIKE THE MOVIES, your every move would be rated . . .

. . . your dog would be the smartest in the world, obeying every command . . .

. . . and the weather would always be perfect for whatever you wanted to do . . .

IF REAL LIFE WERE LIKE THE MOVIES, you'd never have any dating problems . . .

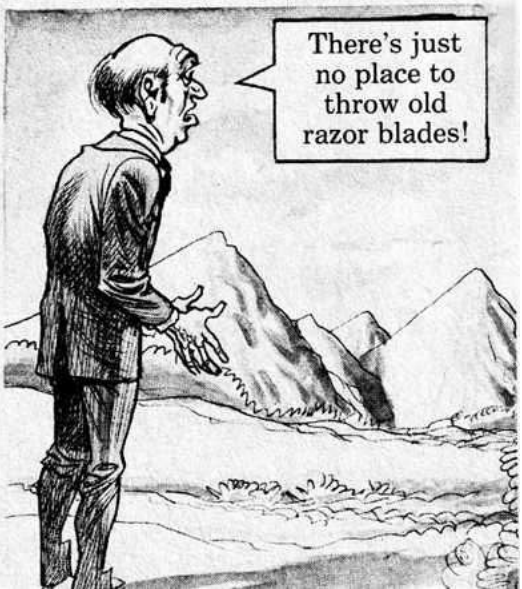
. . . autumn would come and go without you having a leaf fall in your yard . . .

. . . and you would never—but never—ever have to go to the bathroom . . .

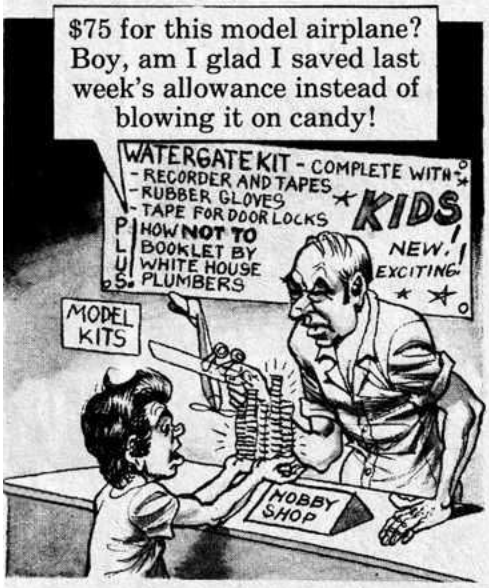
IF REAL LIFE WERE LIKE THE MOVIES, policemen would seldom give you tickets . . .

. . . your dinner would remain hot no matter how long you let it stand there . . .

. . . and every place you went there'd be nothing but flawlessly beautiful scenery . . .



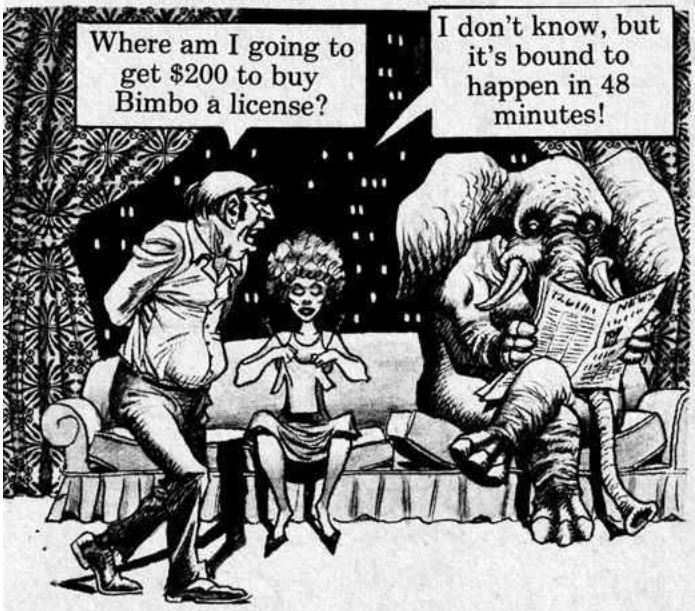
IF REAL LIFE WERE LIKE THE MOVIES, you'd always have just enough money to buy whatever you wanted . . .



. . . and you could ski down a mountain gracefully with everyone else being tripped up for a change . . .

. . . and there'd be just enough milk for one more bowl of cereal, no matter how many you've already eaten . . .

IF REAL LIFE WERE LIKE THE MOVIES, every problem would be solved in less than an hour . . .



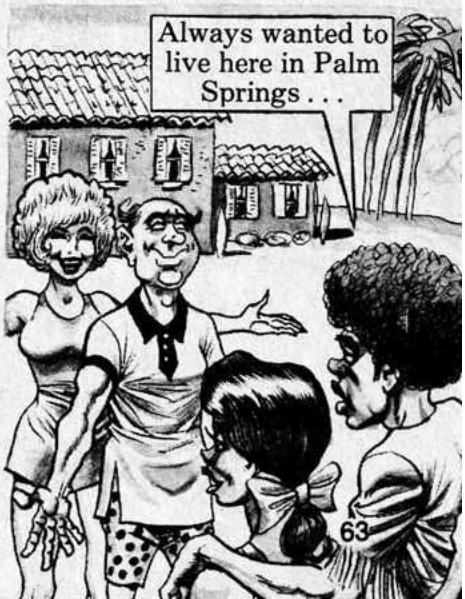
. . . you girls would all marry wealthy men no matter what you happened to look like . . .

. . . and you could eat all the cake and candy you wanted without ever getting acne . . .

IF REAL LIFE WERE LIKE THE MOVIES, you could drive anywhere you felt like . . .

. . . you could pull any bizarre, outlandish, idiotic stunt you ever dreamed of . . .

. . . and mainly, anybody could live any place that their little old hearts desired . . .



Monkey Shines Section; The movies and TV series dealing with the Planet friends do with their spare time. CRACKED

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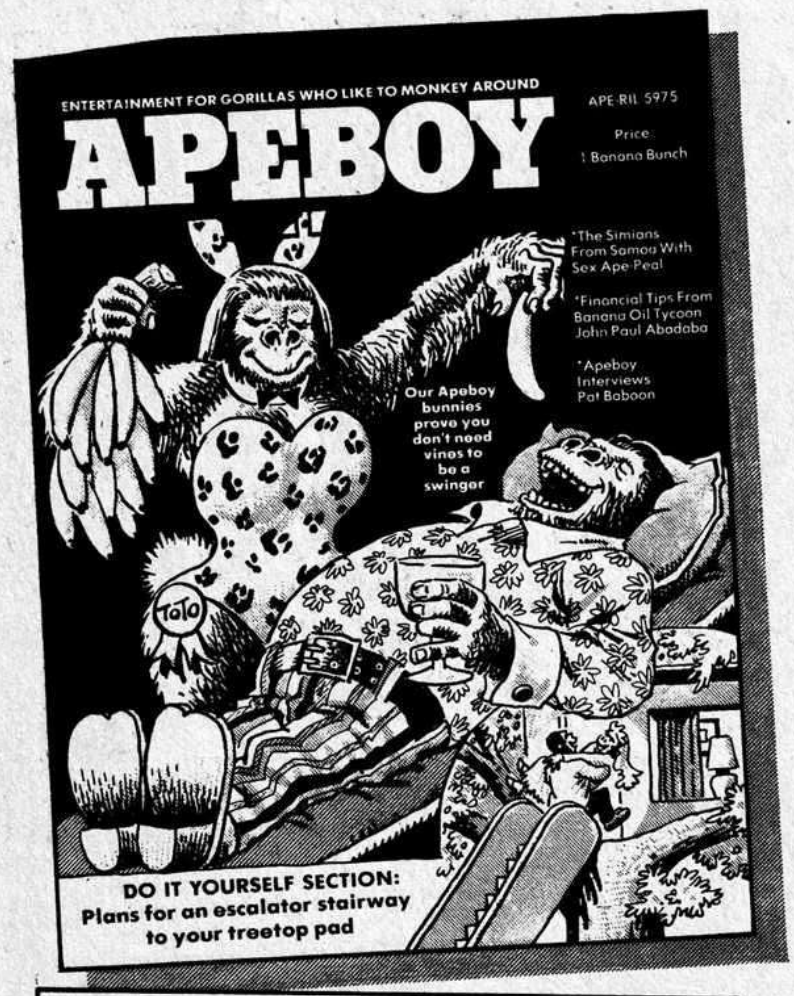
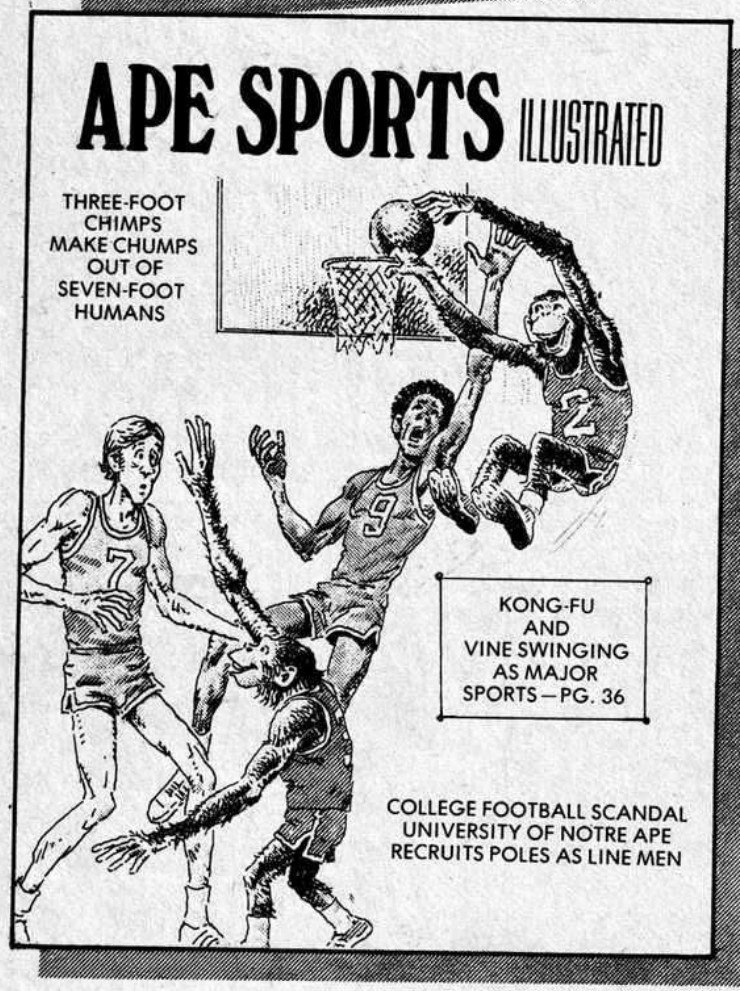
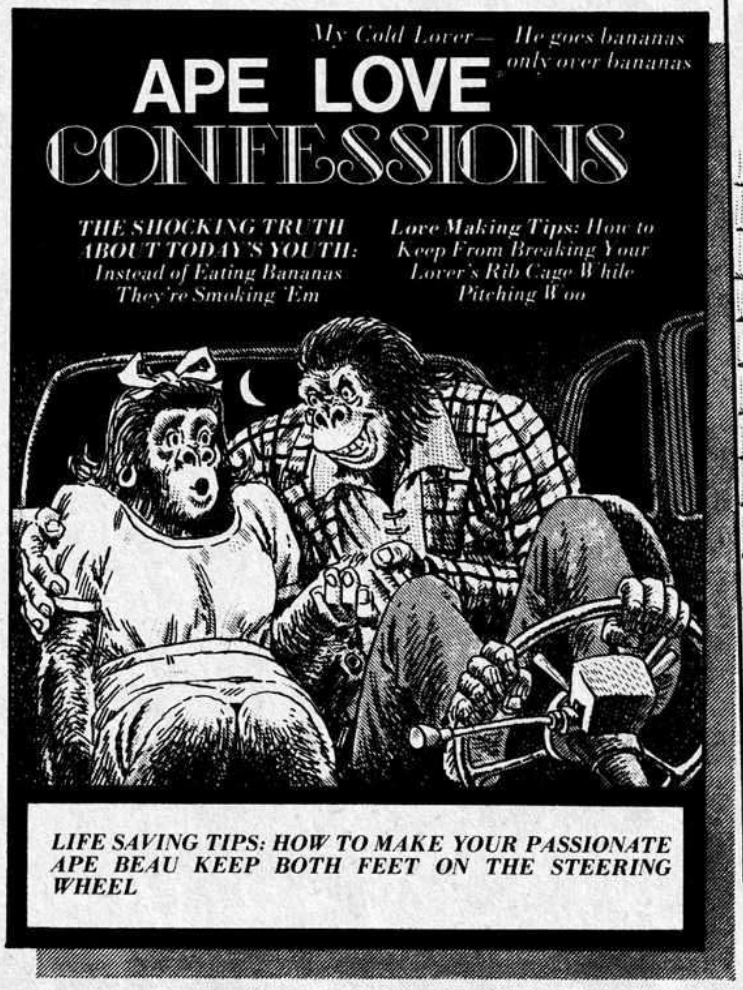


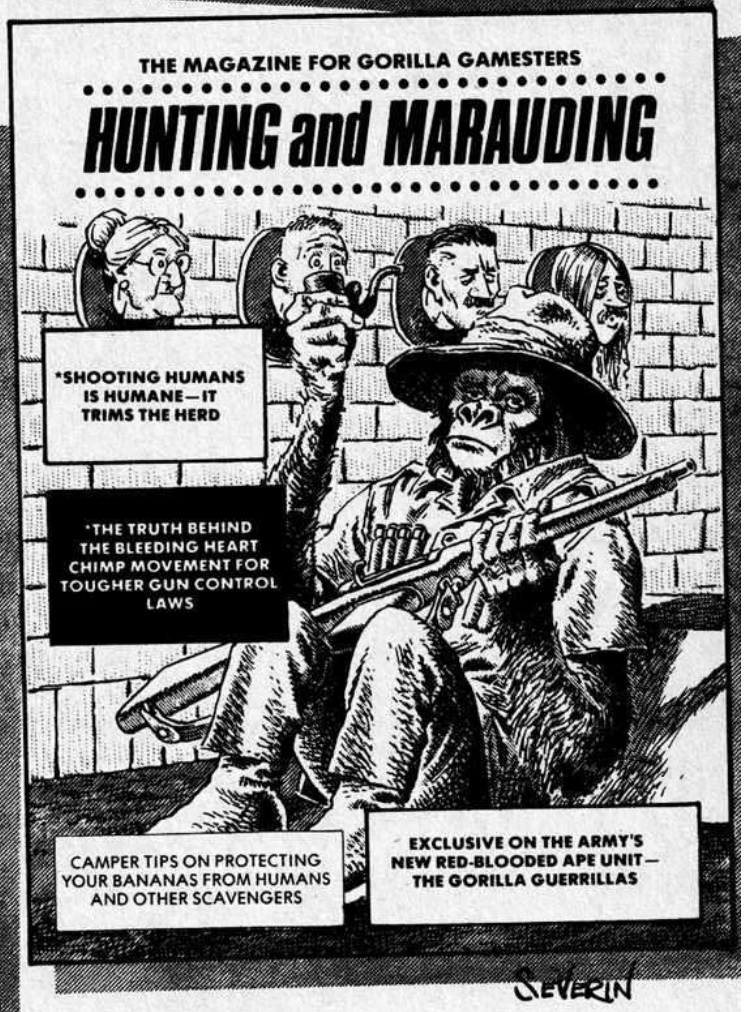


CRACKED is buying the Brooklyn Bridge and asking to have it gift-wrapped.

of the Apes neglect to tell us what our primate corrects the situation by reprinting these . . .

OVERS FROM OF THE APES





One Day in The Desert

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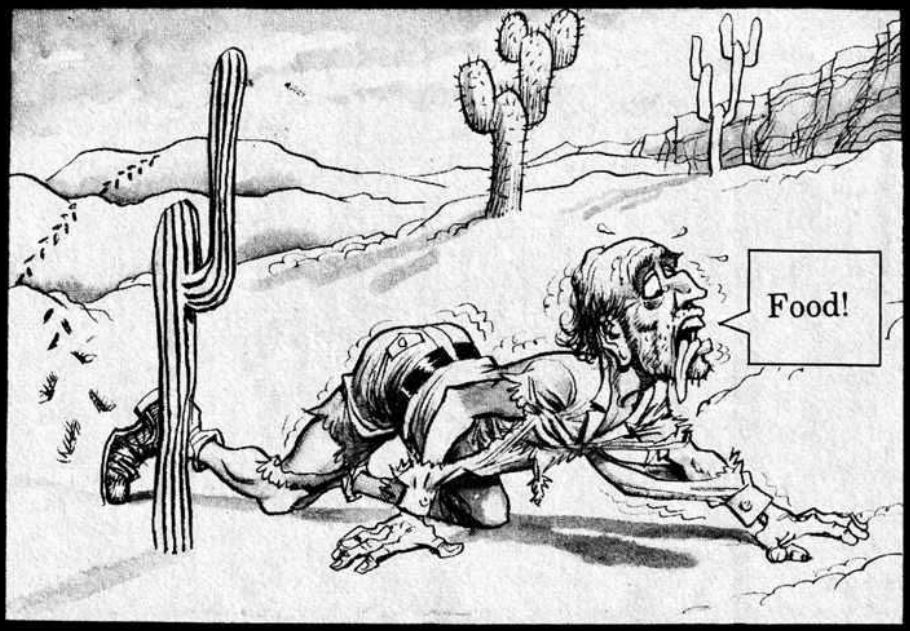

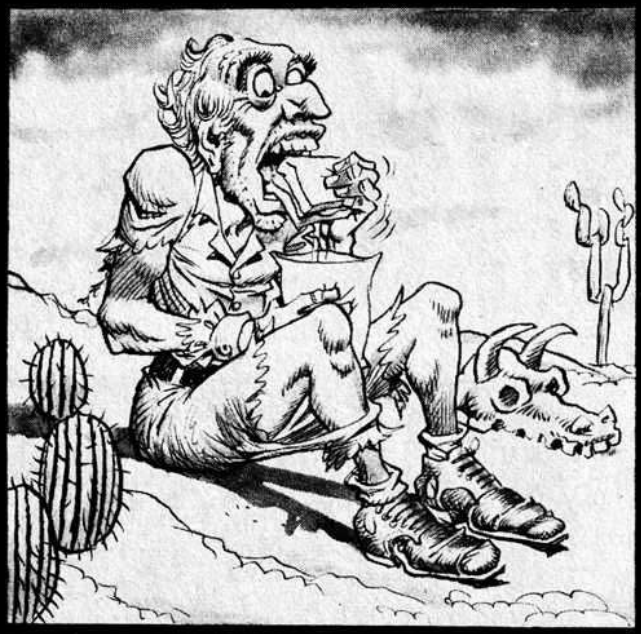

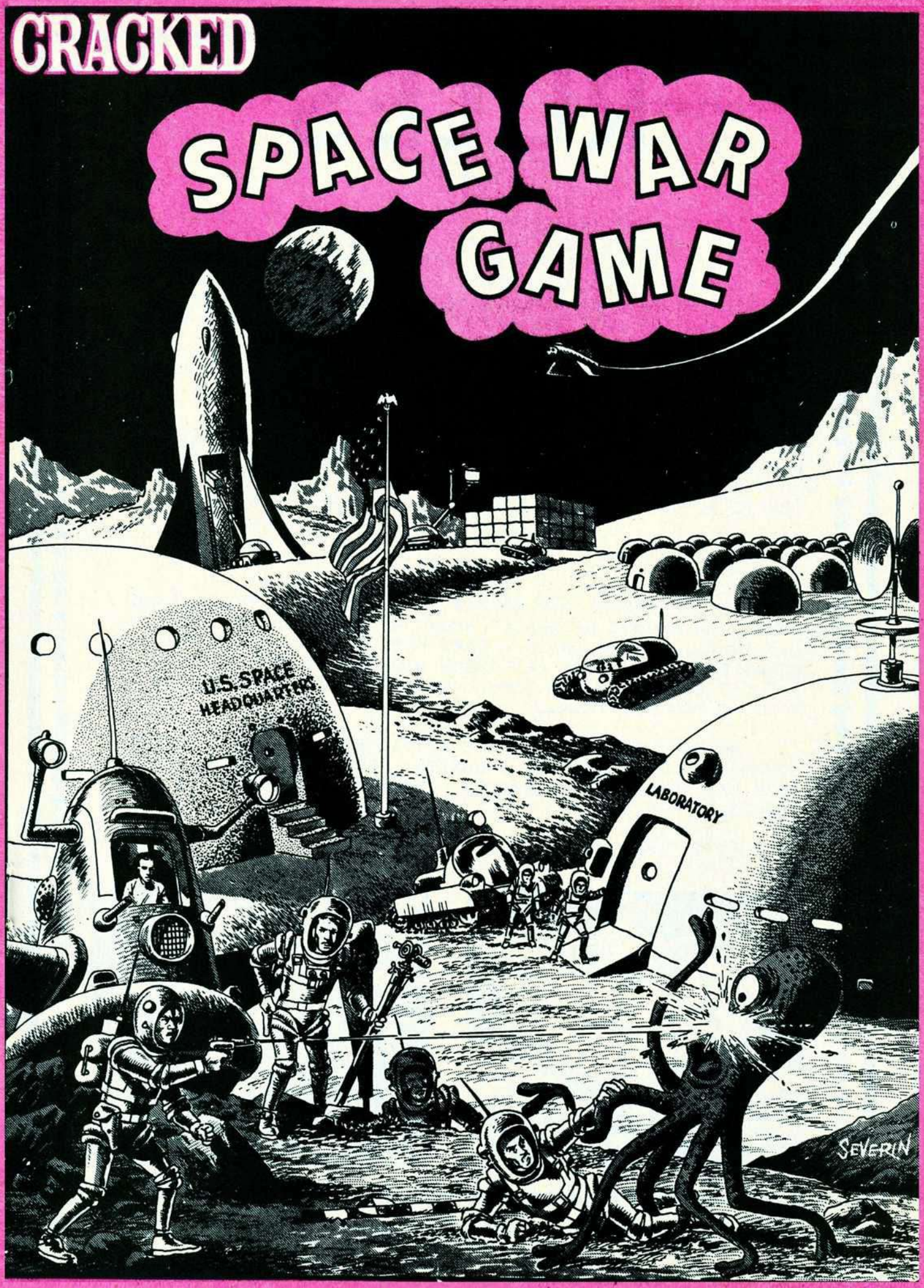
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SPACE WAR GAME
U.S. SPACE HEADQUARTERS
LABORATORY
SEVERIN

RULES

OBJECT

VARDAK, THE TERRIBLE, RULER OF THE GIANT PLANET X162A IS ABOUT TO ATTACK EARTH. YOU ARE TO TAKE OFF IN YOUR ROCKET TO DESTROY HIM FIRST. ON YOUR INTERGALACTIC TRIP YOU WILL ENCOUNTER MONSTERS OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS, AND YOU WILL FIGHT THE DREADFUL FORCES OF VARDAK. FROM ONE TO SIX PLAYERS MAY TAKE OFF. THE FIRST TO DESTROY THIS DREADFUL VILLAIN IS THE WINNER.

HOW TO SET UP GAME

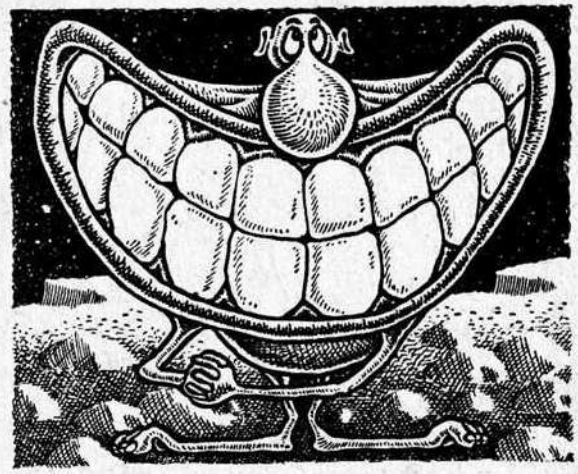
CUT OUT CARDS AND MAKE TWO PILES (+ AND -). GET ONE DIE (THAT'S 1/2 A PAIR OF DICE). USE SOMETHING TO MARK YOUR PLACE ON THE PLAYING BOARD (A PENNY, A DIME (IF YOU'RE RICH) OR A PEBBLE (IF YOU'RE POOR), ETC.)

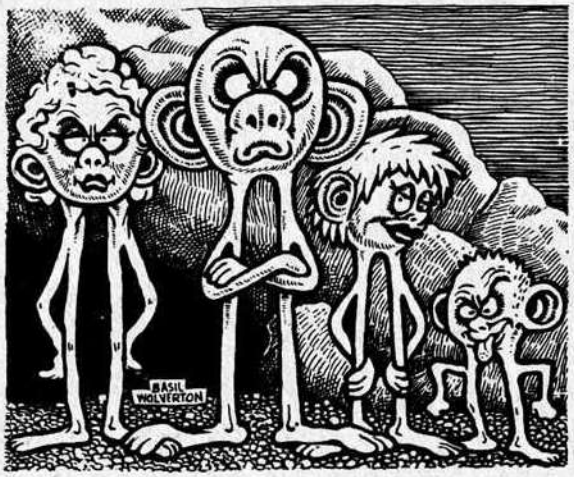
HOW TO PLAY

AS IT BECOMES A PLAYER'S TURN, HE ROLLS THE DIE AND MOVES THE AMOUNT OF SPACES SHOWN ON DIE. IF YOU LAND ON (+) OR (-) SQUARE, PICK A CARD FROM THE INDICATED PILE. DO AS DIRECTED. THE (+) CARDS AID YOU IN YOUR BATTLE. THE (-) CARDS ARE BAD NEWS. RETURN CARDS TO BOTTOM OF PILE AS YOU USE THEM.

SO, GET INTO YOUR SPACE SUIT! STEP INTO THE FUTURE! JOURNEY TO THE FURTHEST GALAXIES! BUT, BEWARE THE MYSTERIOUS DANGERS OF OUTER SPACE. ESPECIALLY VARDAK, THE TERRIBLE!

IT'S TIME TO BLAST OFF!





MEET MARY POPPINS
TAKE A FREE TURN

YOU LOOK CUTE
IN SPACE SUIT
GO AHEAD 2

ROLL AGAIN
BECAUSE YOU
ARE NEAT

WHISTLE A
HAPPY TUNE
UNTIL NEXT TURN

GET OUT AND
PUSH ROCKET
AHEAD 3

TRADE PLACES WITH
ANYONE AHEAD OF YOU

CLOSE EYES UNTIL
NEXT TURN

IF YOU CAN RHYME
SOMETHING WITH
"MOON" TAKE
ANOTHER TURN

SUN'S GRAVITATION
PULLS YOU
AHEAD 4

SCRATCH HEAD UNTIL
NEXT TURN

CAPTAIN KIRK
DIRECTS YOU
AHEAD 5

MOVE DOUBLE THE
NUMBER OF DICE
FOR NEXT 2 ROLLS

SNEAK PAST
SATURN'S RING
GO AHEAD 2

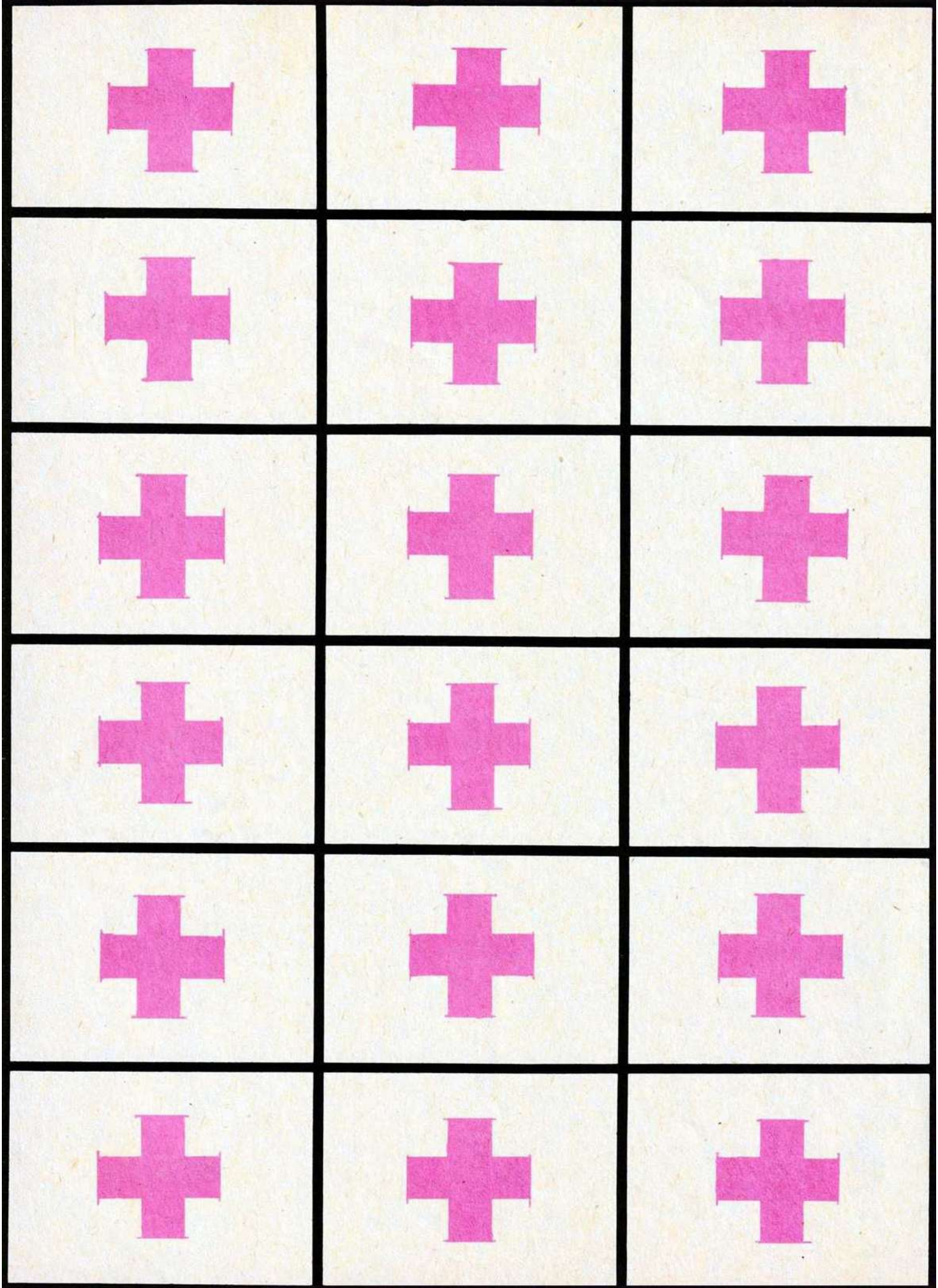
WIN ROCKET PISTOL
DUEL
TAKE ANOTHER TURN

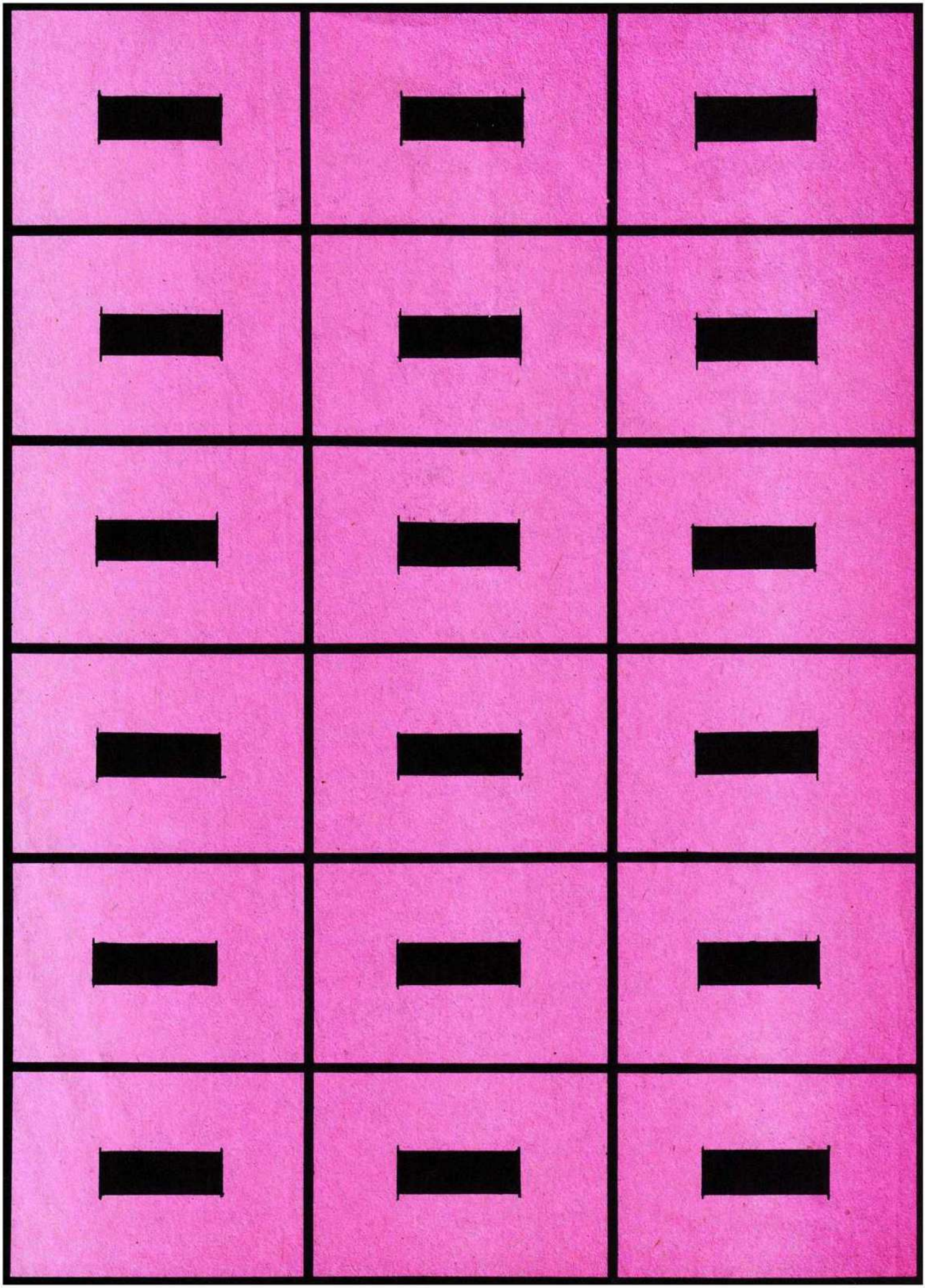
TAKE 2 FREE
TURNS

GO TO NEAREST
(+) CARD SPACE

RESCUE LADY
IN DISTRESS
TAKE ANOTHER TURN

FLYING SAUCER
GUIDES YOU
AHEAD 2





GET LOST IN
BROOKLYN
LOSE TURN

GET SPEEDING
TICKET
MOVE BACK 2

OOGLIES SCARE YOU
LOSE TWO TURNS

SPACE PIRATE
MAKES YOU WALK
PLANK
MOVE BACK TWO

YOU ARE
CAUGHT BY
SPACE FLEAS
LOSE TURN

FORGOT TO ASK
"MAY I?" RETURN
TO SPACE PORT

RUN INTO DUMBO
BACK 2

ROLL AGAIN AND
GO BACKWARD

15 MILE ZONE
LOSE TURN

YOU LAUGHED
AT SPOCK'S EARS
GO BACK 4

GO TO
NEAREST
(-) SPACE

YOU ARE REALLY
SCARED
LOSE A TURN

FALLING IN LOVE
WITH ROBOT
LOSE TURN

XPDZMT DRAGS
YOU BACK 3 SPACES

YOU'RE LOST IN
OUTER SPACE
ROLL DICE &
GO BACKWARD

SPACE CHICKEN
EATS ROCKET
LOSE TURN

OVERTIME PARKING
DO NOT MOVE IF
YOU ROLL A 4 OR 6
ON NEXT TURN

YOU ARE HIT
BY SNOWBALL
LOSE TURN

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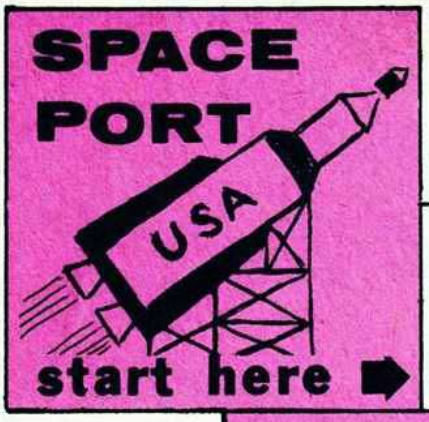
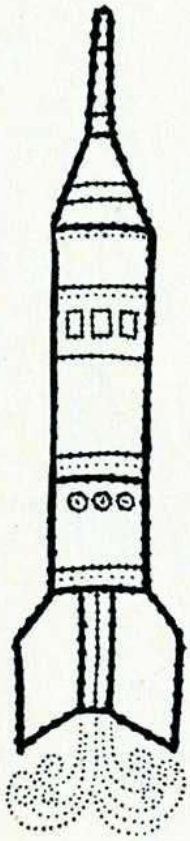


ROCKETS MISFIRE
RETURN TO
SPACE PORT!

SECOND ROC
STAGE
MOVE AHEAD

MOTORCYCLE
ESCORT
AHEAD 5

LASER GUNS
MISFIRE
LOSE TURN



STRUCK BY
ASTEROID
BACK 2

ASTROS WIN
A GAME!
AHEAD ONE

SHOOT DOW
647 ENEMI
GO AGAIN

COPILOT PUSHES
EJECT BUTTON
BACK 2

ENEMY SCORES
LASER HIT
BACK 5

MAN IN MOON
HELPS YOU
GO AHEAD 6

ROLL A TWO
TO DESTROY
ENEMY PLANET!

GET
SCARED!
LOSE TURN

DOWNHILL!
AHEAD ONE

GUN JAMS
BACK 3

ORE DIRECT
LASER HIT
GO AGAIN

FIND
EXPRESSWAY
GO AHEAD 4

R GAME

CKET

D ONE

THIRD ROCKET STAGE GO AHEAD 3

COMPUTER MALFUNCTION LOSE TURN

METEOR STORM

ROLL ODD NUMBER TO GET OUT

SNEAK THROUGH ENEMY RADAR AHEAD 6

GET AIR SICK GO BACK 1

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ENEMY ARMADA AHEAD BACK ONE

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WATCH STARTREK RERUN LOSE TURN

TRAVELLING AT SPEED OF LIGHT MOVE AHEAD 6

LOCATE ENEMY PLANET AHEAD 2

CAUGHT IN ENEMY FORCE FIELD LOSE TURN

FORGOT SPACESUIT GO BACK TO SPACE PORT!

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TIME FOR LUNCH! BACK 1

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GET OUT AND PUSH AHEAD 2

ROLL EVEN NUMBER TO GET OUT

SPACE SPIDERS

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YOU ARE LOST! GO BACK TO ALIEN PLANET

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LOSE CONTROL OF SPACESHIP BACK 3

LOSE ROCKET POWER GO BACK TO METEOR STORM

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SPACE

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FRIENDLY SPACE
MONSTER SHOWS
WAY
AHEAD 4

A KARENM
HELPS YOU
AHEAD 2

A TOMTWEED
SHOWS YOU THE WAY
AHEAD 2

TAKE TWO EXTRA TURNS
YOU ARE LUCKY

IF YOU ARE
SITTING DOWN
TAKE FREE TURN

YOU THINK
BOB SPROUL
IS THE GREATEST
GO AHEAD 2

GO TO
NEXT
(+)
SPACE

BEFRIEND
SPACE MOUSE
ROLL AGAIN

YOU'RE CUTE!
GO AGAIN

GET FREE RIDE
ON METEOR
MOVE AHEAD 2

GO AHEAD
4, BACK 5,
AHEAD 1

FRIENDLY WOOGLY
GO AHEAD 1

SHOOT DOWN
ALIEN WARSHIP
GO AHEAD 1

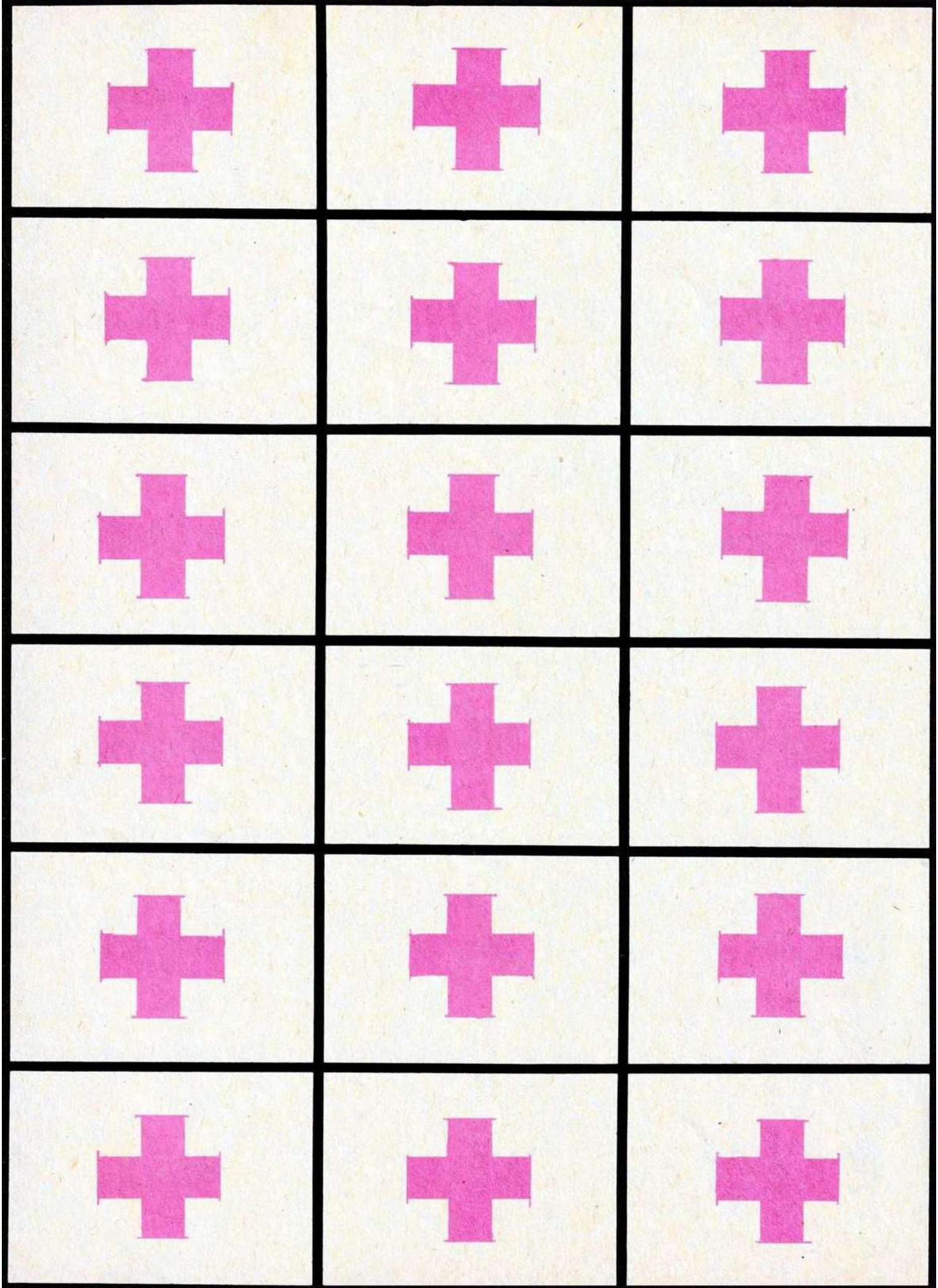
GET HIGH-TEST
FUEL
GO AHEAD 3

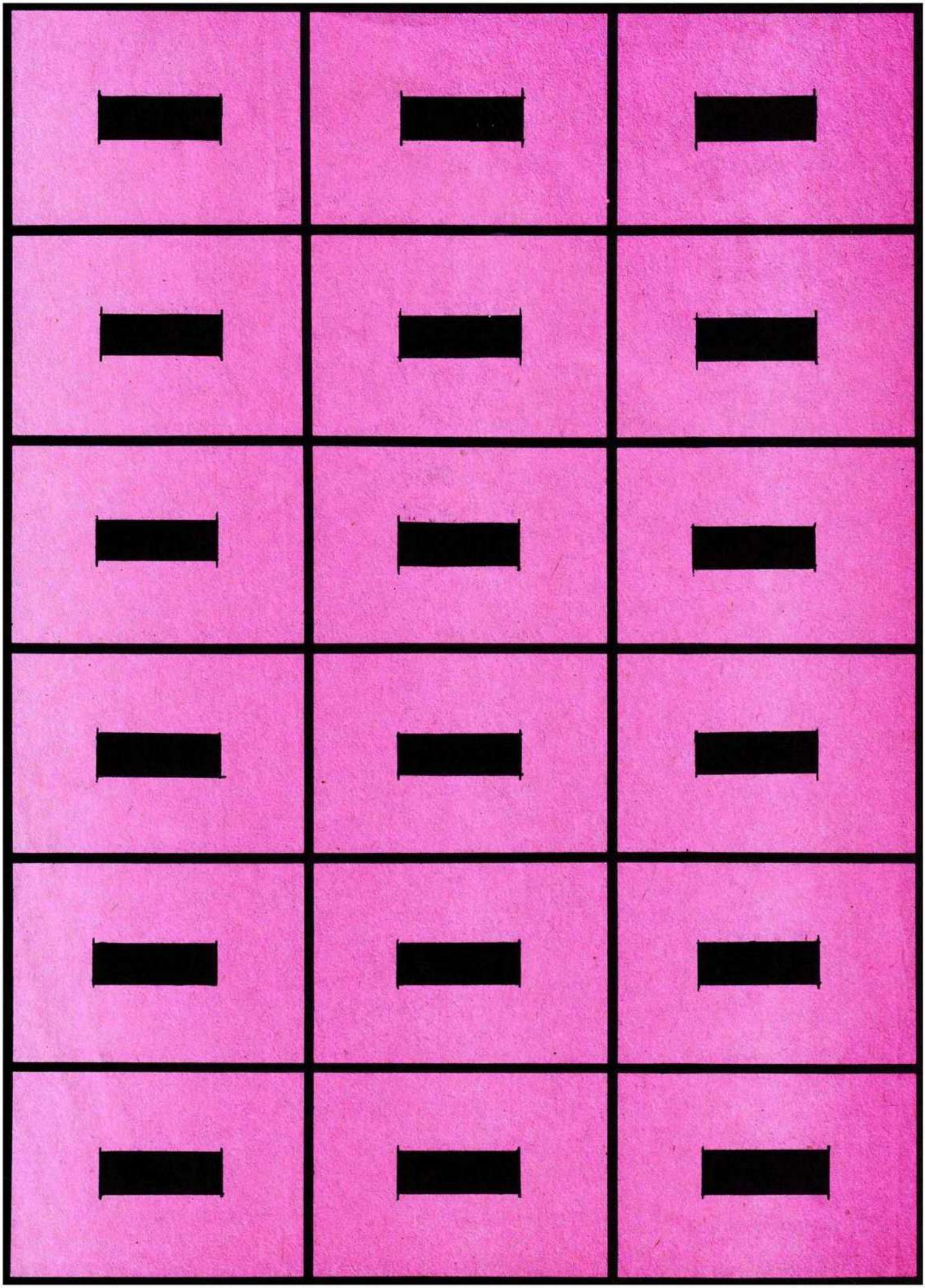
TAKE FREE TURN AND
CHOOSE OTHER PLAYER
TO LOSE TURN

YOU ARE
FEARLESS
AHEAD ONE

FRIENDLY TEDDY BEAR
GO AHEAD 1

OUTMANEUVER
ENEMY
AHEAD 3





YOU PUSHED WRONG
BUTTON
GO BACK 2

SIMON SAYS
GO BACK 4

YOUR SPACE SUIT
IS DIRTY
LOSE TURN

TRADE PLACES WITH
PERSON BEHIND YOU

YOU NEED HAIR CUT
LOSE TURN

IF YOU'RE
GOOD LOOKING
GO BACK 4

CAUGHT IN TRAP
LOSE A TURN

IF YOU DON'T
HAVE A RING ON
LOSE TURN

CAUGHT IN
DOWNTOWN TRAFFIC
LOSE TURN

FLAT TIRE!
BACK TWO

YOU MISSED!
BACK ONE

HOLD YOUR EAR
UNTIL NEXT TURN

SLIP ON
BANANA PEEL
BACK 2

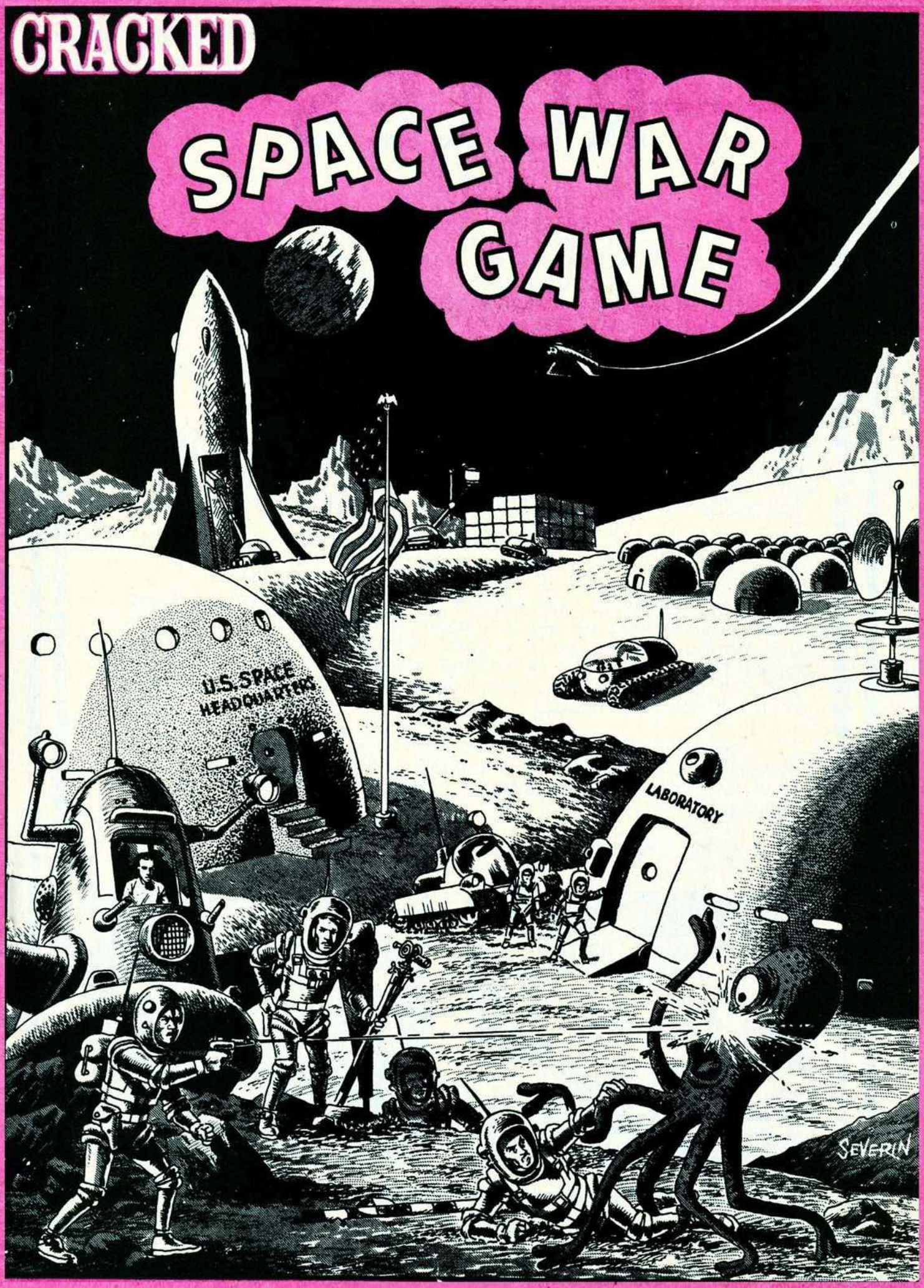
ASLEEP ON DUTY
BACK 3

LOSING SPEED
ROLL AGAIN
AND GO
BACKWARDS

STOP SIGN!
LOSE TURN

ENEMY SCORES
DIRECT HIT
BACK 2

YOU ARE GOING
IN CIRCLES
LOSE TURN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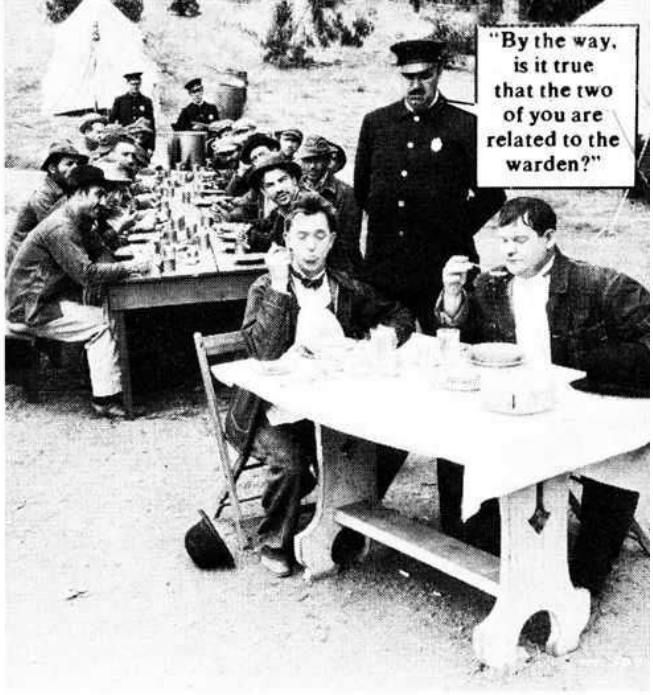
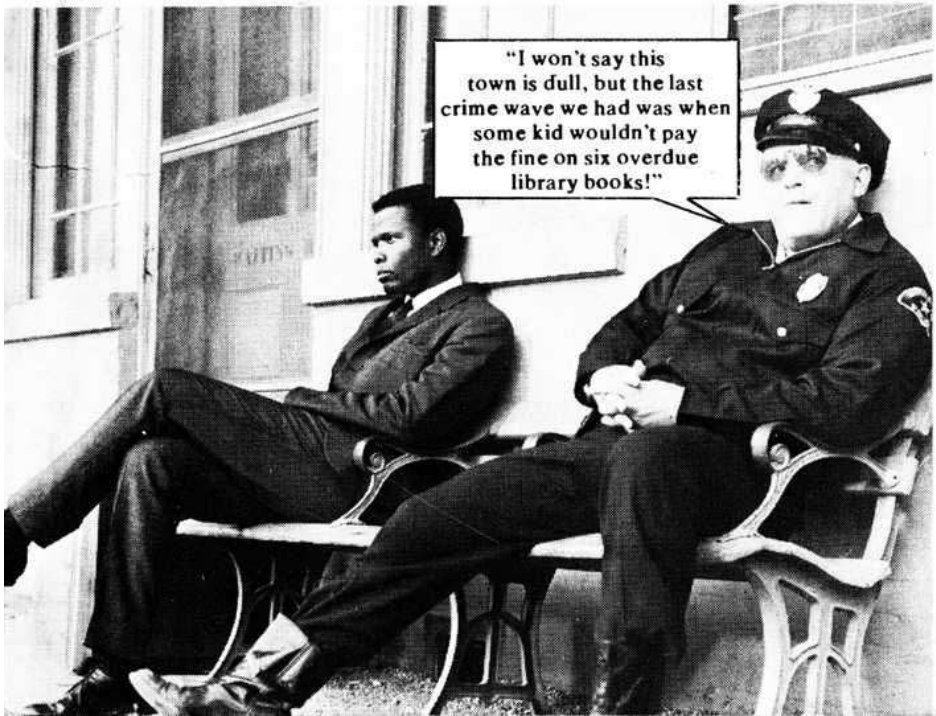
SPACE WAR GAME
U.S. SPACE HEADQUARTERS
LABORATORY
SEVERIN

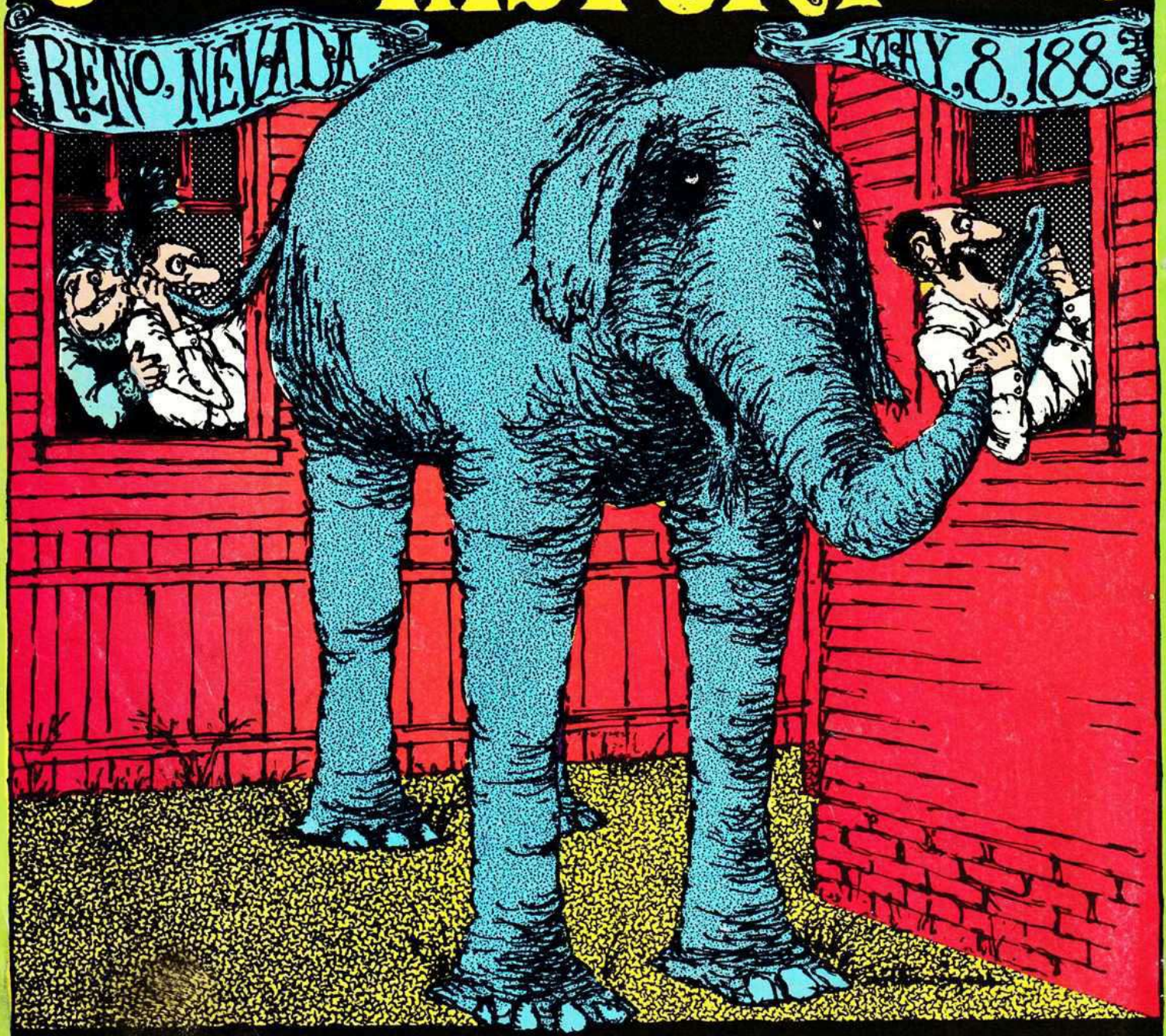


COPS AND RIBBERS SECTION:

CHICKIE, THE FUZZ



GREAT MOMENTS IN HISTORY



SETH DING DISCOVERS THE FIRST PRE-ELECTRIC TELEPHONE